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1,000 teenagers evacuated from Dartmoor blizzard

BY NIGEL WILLIAMSON

MORE than 1,000 teenagers taking part in an expedition on Dartmoor had to be rescued yesterday as driving rain, gale-force winds and snow on high ground swept southern Britain.

Army organisers were forced to abandon the annual Ten Tors trek in appalling weather when only 300 of the original 2,400 starters had finished the two-day walk by mid-

afternoon. A further 800 had al-ready been taken off the blizzardswept moor, leaving more than 1,200 youngsters aged between 14 and 19 in the foul conditions.

Within an hour a fleet of Land Rovers and Army trucks had ferried all but a handful of walkers back to base at Okehampton. Two Navy Sea King and two Army Gazelle helicopters joined the search across more than 50 square miles of barren moor, equipped with night vision

equipment and spotlights. By early evening all had been accounted for. The youngsters, who were walking in 400 six-strong teams, all carried their own food, water, bedding and tents. The teams, aged between 14 and 19, were aiming to reach ten nominated tors on one of 26 routes, covering 35, 45 or 55 miles,

depending on age. Anxious parents were kept informed. Sharon Conn, a spokeswoman for the Army, which

organised the event, said: "We have had quite a few cases of mild hypothermia but it is the sort which can be treated by a warm blanket and a hot cup of tea.

Temperatures and conditions were last night returning to near the seasonal norm, but forecasters say that there is still no sign of summer making its belated arrival.

The Royal Navy rescued seven people stranded overnight on board a dredger which ran aground at Langstone Harbour, Hants. At Poole, Dorset, 40 people were evacuated from boats by police. Thirteen Dutch nationals were recovering in hospital after being rescued by a Sea King helicopter from their yacht off Suffolk.

Police said scores of trees had en blown down, blocking roads at Reading, Berkshire, East Molesely, Surrey, and on the Isle of Wight Temperatures this week for the Chelsea Flower Show, which opens

tural Society tomorrow and to the public on Thursday, should return to a seasonal average of I6C (6IF). A Meteorological Office spokesman said: "Mid-spring rather than summer is on the way. Prospects for the Bank Holiday weekend are reasonably favourable."

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Labour's Big Four to form inner Cabinet

By Peter Riddell and Philip Webster

TONY BLAIR is likely to create a small inner Cabinet to co-ordinate and direct strategy if Labour wins the general

The group would consist of Mr Blair, John Prescott, Gordon Brown and Robin Cook. the "big four" of the present party leadership. They would probably be joined by Donald Dewar, now Chief Whip, who would have a central role in supervising far-reaching constitutional and other reforms

Mr Blair's advisers believe me centrat ir ernment needs to be strengthened to ensure that there is no loss of momentum and that focus is kept on the main

The idea of creating what has been provisionally called a "strategy and legislative priorities committee" has come from lengthy discussions among Mr Blair's advisers and Derek Foster and Peter Mandelson of the shadow Civil Service team. Some senior civil servants, including serving permanent secretaries, have given their informal views and Mr Blair and Mr Prescott are likely to take firm decisions later in the summer.

Various ideas are still being discussed informally, including giving the Cabinet Secretary and the Cabinet Office a more active role in ensuring the implementation of the Government's programme. But radical proposals for cre-

RAILTRACK shares are ex-

pected to soar to an instant

profit on the stock market this

morning as Britain's railways

are restored to private owner-

ship almost half a century

Labour attacked the sale as

a cynical giveaway but City

dealers predicted that 665,000

small investors could see an

instant 20p per share return on the first day's trading. SBC

after being nationalised.

ating a Prime Minister's department, Continental style cabinets of pecial advisers to senior ministers, and the large-scale introduction of political advisers into Whitehall have all been rejected.

Some members of the Shadow Cabinet are pressing for the revival of the old Think Tank, which was abolished in 1983, although Mr Blair is believed to be more interested in strengthening the existing Downing Street policy unit.

Past prime ministers have often set up special groups of formally during emergencies or wars - but inner cabinets have rarely lasted for long because they create jealousies among those excluded.

Labour policymakers have meanwhile decided to stage a series of referendums on directly-elected assemblies in the English regions if they win the general election, although the party's plans for a Scottish parliament and Welsh assembly will take precedence.

The idea was approved along with a large chunk of the party's general election programme - at the National Policy Forum in Manchester, which proved generally harmonious after a week of reports of personality clashes

and policy divisions. But senior party figures were furious over an apparent gaffe by Michael Meacher, the Shadow Employment Secretary, who today goes beyond

Railtrack yields instant profits

By JONATHAN PRYNN, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

Warburg, the Government's

City advisers, announced a

share price of 390p for institu-

tions and 380p for private investors. Small shareholders

have so far had to put up only

a 190p first instalment for

The response to the offer has

exceeded all expectations with

the Government receiving £12

billion worth of applications

for the £1.93 billion shares being sold. The retail offer was

three times subscribed and

the institutional offer was ten

However, Labour accused

times subscribed.

their shares.

party policy to pledge that Labour would abolish the jobseekers' allowance. An article under Mr

> Meacher's name in the latest issue of the Red Pepper maga-zine says that the allowance is "unacceptable and Labour will abolish it"

No decisions have been made on the future of the allowance, which is the subject of a review by Chris Smith, the Social Security Secretary, and both Mr Blair and Mr Brown are believed to be against removing it altogether.

But it swiftly emerged tha Mr Meacher's research assistant Ian Willmore wrote the offending phrase. He said: Michael agreed to do the article and gave me notes to pull together. I wrote it and got it wrong. Michael did not see the finished article."

The incident was relatively minor. But in the febrile mood at the top of the party, Mr Meacher's Shadow Cabinet colleagues were angry that he had allowed his name to be attached to a sensitive policy

article that he had not seen. Mr Brown, under fire from some colleagues over his plans to end child benefit for older children, received strong backing in Manchester when he insisted that Labour had to make "hard choices". But the leadership was criricised by several delegates for poor presentation.

Peter Riddell, page 16

company too cheaply and

warned investors that the

party would move quickly to

Clare Short, the Shadow

Transport Secretary, said:

"Anything will sell if it is

priced cheaply enough. The

Government take no credit

from this most unpopular of

privatisations. If people look

at Labour's policy and still

want to buy — fine. But lots of them think they're going to

make lots and lots of money

like they did out of electricity.

victory for traditionalists who

saw the arrival of the 47-year-

old American presenter from

the rival Classic FM as taking

the station downmarket. One

listener compared Gamba-

ccini's style to "wallowing in

blancmange", and a commen-

Railtrack profit, page 40

impose controls.

and they won't."



Alex Greaves has ridden 172 winners and been champion lady jockey four times. Her chance to make Derby history now depends on a 500-I outsider

By RICHARD EVANS RACING CORRESPONDENT

A WOMAN jockey has been booked to ride in the Derby next month for the first time in the 216-year history of the world's most famous Flat race. Alex Greaves, 28, is set to partner Portuguese Lil, a 500-1 outsider trained by

her husband, David Nicholls. Greaves, four times champion lady

Derby first for woman jockey jockey, hopes she will have the chance

to add another page to the colourful history of a classic first run in 1780. "I never dreamt of riding in the Derby and it would be lovely to have the opportunity," she said yesterday.
Just 5ft tall and weighing 8st 4lb,

ing her career. A farmer's daughter who has been riding since she was four, she first made her name with winners on all-weather tracks at Southwell and Lingfield which led to her being dubbed the "Queen of the Sand." More recently, she has compet-Greaves has ridden 172 winners dur-

likes of Lester Piggott, Pat Eddery and The only obstacle to a historic Derby

first is the open nature of this year's race on June 8, which could see the number of horses exceed the maximum safety limit of 30. Portuguese Lil would be among the first excluded at Epsom. due to her modest level of ability. The final declaration is not made until 48 hours before the start.

Defiant Karadzic clings to power

By Eve-Ann Prentice, diplomatic correspondent

RADOVAN KARADZIC was believed to be in full control of the Bosnian Serb republic yesterday, even though he nominally handed over some of his responsibilities at the

Dr Karadzic, who has been indicted as a war criminal, has



Playsic: known as the Iron Lady

of other commitments, includ-

ing his work on Radio 4's

But the BBC admitted he

had failed to attract more

listeners to the crucial 9am

weekday slot previously occu-

pied by the long-established

Composer of the Week. Rat-

ings for January to March

were no better than last year's.

A BBC spokeswoman said

Kaleidoscope and GMTV.

delegated some of his powers to a hard-line nationalist known as the Iron Lady and promoted another to Prime Minister. The moves are seen as a tactical victory over Carl Bildt, the senior Western civilian peace negotiator in Bos-nia, who had been trying to promote the cause of moderate Bosnian Serbs and bring about Dr Karadzie's downfall. Biljana Plavsic takes re-

negotiations and another extreme nationalist, Gojko Klickovic, becomes Prime Minister in place of Rajko Kasagic, the moderate promoted by the West. Mr Klickovic is a loyal supporter of Dr Karadzic and

sponsibility for international

opposes the return of Muslim refugees to Serb-held parts of Bosnia as laid down in the Dayton peace agreement.

West outflanked, page 10

that the programme's run had been extended until March

1998, although no decision has

been made on who will take

over from Gambaccinin in

very good Radio 3 fare."

Cantona out of Euro 96

Eric Cantona has failed to win a place in the French squad for the Euro 96 championship next month, in spite of being named footballer of the year in England.

Cantona, who was the inspiration behind Manchester United's League and FA Cup double, is not the only famous absentee David Ginola of Newcastle United has also been omitted Tickets offer, page 9

Pru faces revolt by shareholders

The Prudential Corporation, which owns 3.5 per cent of the UK stock market, looks set to face a shareholder revolt over a new executive bonus schemes that rewards directors even if the company is an underperformer within the top 100 quoted com-

Couple murdered

The bodies of a British woman and her French husband have been found in the boot of their Mercedes at the bottom of a canal in eastern France. They had taken £70,000 out of their bank account before disappearing six weeks ago...

Beef hope

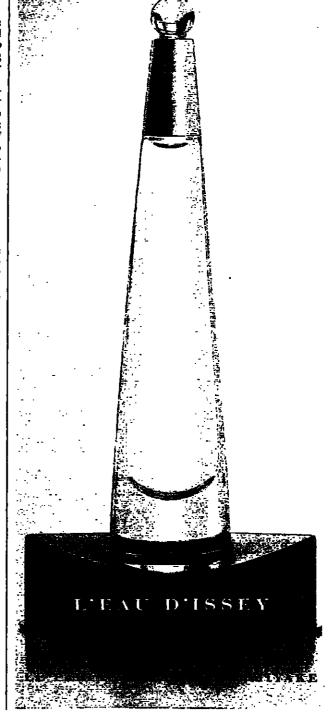
September. "The format of the Britain's European partners programme is extremely popular and people like the music," she said. "Some have may finally agree today to ease the export ban on some implied it was lollipop-type beef products. music, but it was not. It was

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PAUL GAMBACCINI, the former Radio I disc jockey described as the "most hated man on radio" when he took over as presenter of Radio 3's Morning Collection, is to leave the show.

tator rued the arrival of "Radio Two and a Half". The anouncement, eight months after the programme's launch, will be seen as a sisted he was leaving because

Gambaccini last night in-

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Tories investigate claim of Serb donations

By Philip Webster, political editor

AN INVESTIGATION into claims to the Prime Minister asking whether that Serb businessmen linked to Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, gave more than £100,000 to Conservative funds was ordered vesterday by Brian Mawhinney, the

The Tories were dealt a further blow by Sir Colin Marshall, next president of the Confederation of British Industry, who declared it was inappropriate for companies to make donations to party funds.

The allegations in The Sunday Times that the donations by Serb businessmen had been made at the height of the war in the former Yugoslavia provoked an outcry from the Opposition parties.

Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, said the report was "exceedingly disturbing" and wrote

there was any substance in it. "If it is true then I am sure you will understand that this will be regarded as a scandal, given that the Government was claiming to be 'neutral' in this conflict and that British troops were on the ground in Bosnia at the

time," Mr Ashdown wrote.
Dr Mawhinney said he had no reason to believe there was any impropriety. A second donation, said to have been about £50,000, was reportedly arranged in December 1994 after John Kennedy, a prospective Tory parliamentary candidate. contacted Jeremy Hanley, then party chairman. The source was reported to be a London-based Serbian businessman. It was allegedly discussed over lunch with Mr Hanley at Mark's Club in Mayfair. Mr Hanley

said yesterday that he was not aware of the alleged donations but asked whether he met the businessman, Mr Hanley replied: "Yes, I did. I had lunch with him at the suggestion, and at the invitation, of Mr Kennedy." He said they talked about trade in metals in which the businessman dealt. "If he donated to the Conservative Party then that is a matter which something we will not disclose. When I was chairman I made sure

that the rules were enforced." Mr Kennedy dismissed the allegations as "fantastic nonsense". "I have not raised any amount, either in total or in part, of either £50,000 or £100,000 as has been claimed," he

Dr Mawhinney said: "Ever since I have been party chairman, I have insisted that party donations observe our strict rules of propriety. We do not accept funds with conditions from anonymous donors and from criminal sources. If any of these rules are found to have been transgressed.

the money will be returned." Robin Cook, the Shadow Foreign ecretary, told BBC TV's Breakfast With Frost: "In order to make money inside Serbia, or inside Radovan Karadzic's section of Bosnia, you need to have links with the governing politicians. There is, unfortunately. no escaping that - given the power balance in both Serbia and even more in the [Serb-held areas of]

Lawyers acting for the unnamed "Serb" businessman said by The Sunday Times to have been involved in an alleged £50,000 donation to Tory funds yesterday firmly rejected the newspaper's claims. Peter Carter-Ruck and Partners said in a statement: "Our client is a British citizen

attached from foreign governments, of Yugoslav birth and has been resident in the UK for over a decade: Our client is outraged by any suggestion that he is linked in any

way to Radovan Karadzie or the Bosnian Serbs. We are instructed that our client has never met. communicated with, or been associ-ated with, Radovan Karadzic in any way whatsoever."

The remarks by Sir Colin, who is chairman of British Airways and takes over his CBI post on Wednesday, were particularly unwelcome at a time when the Tories are trying to boost their pre-election income. He said some companies gave cash to the parties, but added: "I personally believe that it is not appropriate to do that. I think that if one wants to make a contribution, one should make it on a personal basis."

Graham Scarjeant, page 38

Appeal for

Gardiner

support

ening to deselect the senior right-wing MP Sir George

Gardiner were given a warn-

ing yesterday to stop rocking the boat or risk the survival of

the Government. Sir George's

fate will be decided at a local

party meeting in his Reigate

tive group, said: There has been a lot of talk about Sir

George and loyalty to the Prime Minister. But surely the ultimate disloyalty would

be to deselect a long-standing

MP and pave the way for a

by-election at a time when

the Government has a major-

3 die in shooting

An off-duty soldier has killed

two men, wounded his es-tranged girlfriend and shot

himself dead with a handgun

in a house in north Belfast.

The soldier, a member of the

Royal Irish Regiment, had

earlier been ejected from a

club after arguing with his

girlfriend and had made a

threatening call to the house.

Police said the deaths were

Richard Bennett, leader of the local council's Conserva-

constituency on June 28.

Ashdown strategy to scorn Tory 'false patriots'

By Philip Webster

PADDY ASHDOWN will seek to wrest the patriotism vote from the Conservatives tonight by accusing John Major of failing to stand up to "petty xenophobic nationalism" in his party. The Liberal Democrat lead-

er is preparing to use a strategic speech to party candidates to charge that the Conservatives have abused and debased patriotism, and as "false patriots" they no longer deserve the nation's trust. In a fierce attack on the government stance on Europe and the constitution, he will say that true patriots know it is insulting to see Conservatives wrapping themselves in the flag and pretending that only a stubborn resistance to institutional change would preserve the United Kingdom.

Mr Ashdown, a former Marine who also served as a diplomat, is said by aides to be furious at what he sees as a Conservative abuse of patriotism. His speech is clearly designed to tell his party that it should move on to one of the Tories' chosen battlegrounds at the General Election, Polls over the past three years have shown Mr Ashdown scoring



Country man: Mr Ashdown with his dog Luke, taking a break from a weekend meeting outside Oxford

well on patriotism, particularly among Tory voters. In an interview with The

Times yesterday. Mr Ash-down said he believed the Conservatives were preparing to fight the election on the "most negative, xenophobic and closed view of Britain. His charge now went beyond the Eurosceptics. The Conservarive debasement of patriotism had "infected" the whole Government, he argued.

Mr Ashdown said the Prime Minister's insticts were pro-European but his "total failure of leadership" and "appalling vacillation" had enabled the xenophobes and sceptics to take charge. He disclosed that during the passage of the Maastricht bill, he had told Mr Major that he could count on the Liberal Democrats for support, at the cost of electoral popularity, to "put down your xenophobic rightwingers" and to win the battle for the long

But he always put his party before the country. Mr Ashdown said. "There can be no worse charge to lay against

a leader than to say that he consistently, in the face of serious challenges, put the unity of his party before the best interests of the country. In so doing the has handed his party lock, stock and barrel to the xenophobic tendency of the Conservative Right

The best history will say of him was that he held his party together. But if it divides, the seeds of destruction will have been sown under him. I am angry they have allowed this narrow anti-European tendency to fester and dominate

newspapers." Asked why the Liberal Democrats - rather than Labour - could claim the patriotic mantle, he said: "We have never gone political walkabout.

"We have stayed firm on Europe even when it caused us political disadvantage. We are united. The 70 anti-European Labour MPs will be just as much a ball and chain around Mr Blair's foot as have been the Euro sceptic Tory MPs to Mr Major.

Sceptic makeover, page 15

GEC director dies Simon Weinstock, son of Lord Weinstock, the founder and managing director of the Gen-

not terrorist related.

eral Electric Company, has died of cancer at the age of 44 He had been commercial director and a board member of GEC, one of Britain's largest industrial companies, since 1987, and was also a major shareholder. He leaves a widow, Laura, and three daughters.

Prison condoms

Prison doctors have been told they can prescribe condoms to homosexual inmates to prevent them becoming infected from unprotected sex in their cells. A Prison Service circular sent to all heads of healthcare and governors gives a warning that failure to provide condonis could in some circumstances leave doctors open to charges of failing in their duty to care for patients.

Monty honoured The first statue on French soil of Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, who lead the British D-Day landings, is to be unveiled on June 6. The hronze, created by Vivien Mallock will be unveiled by Prince Michael of Kent in Colleville-Montgomery a few miles from Caen, which was named after Montgomery at the end of the Second World

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at serial killer link to 200 deaths

By Adrian Lee

DETECTIVES from police forces in England and Wales will meet today to discuss links between the murders of up to 200 women. The exercise. Operation Enigma, will consider the possible existence of one or more serial killers. The conference, at the head-

quarters of the West Mercia police, will reopen the files on murders dating from up to ten vears ago, although detectives said that the operation was not a murder inquiry. The exercise, co-ordinated

by James Dickinson, Assistant Chief Constable of Essex, will study ways of improving investigations into possible multiple killings by harnessing the skills of criminologists in Britain and abroad. The National Criminal Intelligence Service, the Forensic Science Service and the recently founded National Crime Faculty will also be involved. Mr Dickinson said it would be "pure speculation" as to whether any definite links would emerge between the

In December detectives from several forces discussed links between the apparently similar deaths of nine women, who were strangled, left naked or partially clothed and their bodies dumped. They concluded that there was nothing formally to link the murders.

Police look | £8bn Euro-frigate faces long delay as navies disagree

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

A NEW frigate planned for the Royal Navy is facing "endless delays" because of disagreements with the French and Italian navies over design details, according to an authoritative report to be pub-

lished this week. The £8 billion Horizon project, a collaborative programme involving the three countries, is intended to produce a total of 20 advanced frigates for the next century. 12 of which are for the Royal Navy to replace the existing

US maintains air accord

TWO US combat aircraft that are due to come into service next century are to be based in Britain. The advanced F22 Stealth fighter is due in service by 2005 and the Joint Strike Fighter, a multiple mission tactical aircraft, by about 2010. The decision has underlined Washington's intention to maintain the US Air Force's link with Britain. The F22, which will be the rival in the export market to the Eurofighter, will replace the FI5. The Joint Strike Fighter will replace seven existing aircraft.

He said yesterday: "The first Type 42 destroyer to be taken Type 42 destroyers. Captain Richard Sharpe.

> tries meant that the programme was being "put back nine months for every year it goes forward".

out of service will be HMS Birmingham in 1948 but there's not the slightest chance of the first Horizon frigate being in service until 2005." He said that the endless delays caused by the collabor-ation between the three coun-

editor of Jane's Fighting

Ships, whose latest edition is

due out this week, said the

frigate looked to be going the

same way as the disastrous

NFR90 warship programme,

which collapsed in 1990

because each country had

Captain Sharpe said Hori-

different design requirements.

zon was now facing the same

challenge, with every decision

needing approval in triplicate, which inevitably led to delays.

In August last year, the National Audit Office warned that the Horizon project could take four years longer than originally planned. The Royal Navy had hoped to have the first Horizon frigates in service by 2002. The NAO said Horizon was likely to be one of the most complex procurements ever undertaken by the Ministry of Defence and said the proposed timescale was "extremely optimistic".

Authorities on Charlotte Bronte dismissed a claim by Ian King, an Edinburgh bookseller, that she was the author of two more novels: the previously anonymous Sad Times, and Miss Miles, pub-lished under the name of a contemporary, Mary Taylor, Professor Sally Shuttleworth. of Sheffield University, said a detailed chronology existed of

Streamlined route to court approved

BY FRANCES GIBB LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

HUNDREDS of people who take their

disputes to Citizens' Advice Bureaux are to be given "fast-track" access to a barrister without having to go through a The move, which will cut the cost of

paying for two lawyers, was approved by and privately funded cases. the Bar Council, the Bar's governing body, at the weekend. It is the first significant step towards giving clients direct access to barristers.

The move has been approved by Lord Woolf, the law lord overseeing a review of civil justice. He is proposing putting a ceiling on legal costs that can be run up by

lawyers for disputes involving less than

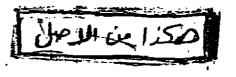
Under the Bar's latest proposals, drawn up by Hilary Heilbron, QC, a leading member of the Bar Council, people who go to CABs where staff are suitably trained and qualified to prepare a case for counsel can then go directly to barristers. The move applies both to legally aided

David Penry-Davey, QC, chairman of the Bar, said: "These proposals would significantly widen the public's access to justice and reduce the cost of legal services while maintaining the Bar's essential

status as a referral profession." Details of the proposals have now to be worked out between the Bar and the

National Association of Citizen's Advice Bureaux, Walter Merricks, head of public relations at the Law Society, expressed concern that any group of people who were going to take on the task of being responsible for the conduct of litigation would have to be trained to the appropriate standard and apply for approval, as required under the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990.

☐ Solicitors and barristers will offer their services free on a rota basis at the Citizens' Advice Bureau in the Royal Courts of Justice. The scheme was recommended by a working party headed by Lord Justice Ofton, set up partly because of the big rise in people taking disputes to court on their



Life imitates art: Victoria Eastham, from the London English Ballet School, and Dancer with Bouquets, from the Degas exhibition running at the National Gallery until August 26. Preview, page 12: leading article, page 17

Jungle hostages home for a bath and Sunday lunch

By Andrew Drummond

THE four young Britons rescued from kidnappers in Indonesia began the adjustment to normal life yesterday after returning "from the Stone Age" and their 129 days in captivity.

Before being driven home to Sunday lunch with their families, two of the four scientists who had been seized by rebels of the Free Papua Movement spoke of their ordeal. They had been led for four months through remote jungle by warriors armed with poisoned spears, machetes, arrows and

blowpipe darts.
Daniel Start, 21, William
Oates, 23, Anna McIvor, 21, and Annette van der Kolk, 22. all Cambridge graduates, flew into Heathrow yesterday morning to be reunited with their families. They were also

quiet Sunday lunch of roast greeted by Jeremy Hanley, the Foreign Office minister beef with her parents at home in Fleet, Hampshire, and a Mr Start said: "It's lovely to long rest. Looking pale and be back on a typical spring thin after losing more than three stone during her captividay - cloudy. It's a cultureshock to be back after half a ty, she said: "I am very glad to be home although the happiyear living in the Stone Age." They were all in a state of ness is marred by the death of shock after witnessing the bruour two Indonesian friends. I tal deaths of their Indonesian really don't know what my research colleagues Navy

Panekenan and Yosias Lasa-mahu last week, he said. Mr Oates said: "It's great to Miss McIvor, 21, hugged her parents Susan and Malbe back. We spent a long time sitting thinking of the things we were missing. We are sad colm as they arrived home in Bournemouth from Heathrow but declined to go into details about her captivity. She had watched helplessly from a tree as the two Indonesian captives were killed by the rebels when special forces attacked their jungle base last week. Standing outside her family home. she said her plans were simply

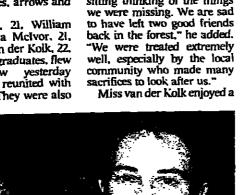
> weight loss.
> Mr Start told of how the rebel leader Kailik Kwalik had changed his mind ten minutes before their promised release, on May 8. We went back into the jungle reduced to tears. From that moment on the military had to go in."

to relax and recover from her

plans are. I will just be taking

Yesterday he spent the day soaking in the bath and strolling around Wimbledon Common with his mother. He had to keep doing a reality-check", he said, because he could not believe he was really

Mr Oates's return to his father Richard's farm in the Scottish borders was heralded with a skirl of pipes by a family friend, Peter Tweedie.





Missing couple found dead in car boot at bottom of French canal

By Susan Bell, in paris, and Adrian Lee

lieved the couple were carry-

ing the cash with them in the

was local.

A BRITISH woman and her French husband have been found murdered in their car at the bottom of a canal in castern France.

Alain and Angela Hay, who dealt in luxury cars, had withdrawn £70,000 from their bank account shortly before they went missing more than six weeks ago.

The money has not been recovered and French police suspect theft was the motive for the double killing. They dismissed links with the mysterious deaths of two Germans in the same region a week ago.

The bodies of the Hays were found on Saturday in the boot of their purple Mercedes 300. with German number plates, when tracks were noticed leading from the road to the canalside, near the village of Niffer, in Alsace.

The couple's poodle was also found dead inside the car, which was first thought to have skidded off the road on a bend, known locally as an accident blackspot. It was well known that cars often left the road there and it would have made the perfect spot to try to conceal a vehicle. The canal where the car was submerged in deep water, runs along the main N52 between St Louis and Mulhouse.

A French police officer said:

"We favour the theory that the were last seen on April 2, were motive for this crime was theft." Police said they belongstanding residents of Le Havre but had been conducting business in the Mulhouse area, near the German borcar and were on their way to der, since February. They had rented an apart-

conduct a deal. The choice of place to hide the car may ment there but in late March indicate that the murderer they drove to Le Havre, where Mr Hay withdrew 500,000 The bodies of the Hays had francs from his bank. On the Hays' return to Mulhouse at been in the water for several weeks and were badly decomthe beginning of April they told a friend that they intendposed. Police said Mr Hay had a glass eye, which enabled them to identify him. ed to travel to Switzerland for a business meeting. They had Mrs Hay was identified by her recently sold him a car and wedding ring.
The couple, both 46, had been living in the Channel port of Le Havre, where they said they would deliver papers relating to the French equivalent of the MoT test on their

planned to establish a busi-Post-mortem examinations will be held today to discover

ness importing cars. Police said Mr and Mrs Hay, who how they died. A spokesworn-Le Havre, March 28: Alain and Angela Hay GERMANY

an for the Foreign Office said it had not yet been notified by the French authorities.

The disappearance of the couple was reported in the local daily newspaper. L'Alsace, but there had been no trace of them until the discovery of the car. French police said Mrs Hay came from Portsmouth before marrying and settling in France, where the couple's two grownup children, who reported

them missing, also live. Police said the deaths of the two Germans nearby were either suicide and murder, but there was nothing to link them to the discovery of Mrs Hay and her husband. The charred bodies of a man and a woman aged 32 and 34 were found in a burnt-out mountain chalet near Colmar, north of

Police refused to identify the victims until genetic tests confirmed who they were, but authorities suspected they were the couple who rented the property. Also gutted by fire was the couple's Volkswagen, which had licence plates from Freiburg, Germany. The chalet belonged to Udi Halder and Harald Brehm, both from Heitersheim, near Freiburg. Herr Halder was questioned by German police last week.

Stabbed van driver 'victim of road rage'

By Helen Johnstone

A DRIVER was stabbed to death in front of his girlfriend on a motorway slip-road yesterday in a suspected "road rage" attack. Police are searching for the driver of a Land Rover Discovery which sped off after the incident.

The victim was stabbed in the chest after he and another motorist got out of their cars while waiting at traffic lights on a roundabout at junction three of the M25 near Swanley, Kent. The incident was witnessed by another driver, who alerted emergency services on a mobile telephone.

The victim, who was driving a Bedford van, was taken to West Hill hospital, Dartford, where he died from his iniures. His passenger was treated for shock.

Kent police said the victim, believed to be from the Swanley area, and his attacker had stopped on the slip-road just before the assault hap-pened. Inspector Dick Valentine said: "The reason for the attack is not known. It was obviously a moment of madness, but what brought that on we do not know. '

Police said that the attacker. described as white and in his forties, sped off in the direction of the Dartford Tunnel. They are not releasing the identity of the murder victim. Last night they were scanning through closed-circuit television cameras at the interchange to see if any of the incident was caught on film.

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Not for the first time, Sir Norman Foster examines the familiar stainless steel Rolex GMT-Master on his wrist.

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Annette van der Kolk and Anna McIvor at Heathrow

Eagles hide from prying eyes

THE only pair of breeding golden eagles in England, which hatched a chick II days ago, remained oblivious to the scores of ornithologists who had travelled to eatch a glimpse of their eyrie at the A mile away from the raised

ranks of binoculars the female eagle sat protectively in a nest perched on a craggy rock-face in the Riggindale Valley, Cumbria. The male had left the nest earlier to hunt further along the valley. The watchers had to stand behind a drystone wall, desig-

nated by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds as a safe distance away. More than a hundred of them pleaded under their breath for the birds to make an appearance. "Just one peep, just pop your head out of the nest. Please, please, please," said one man who had left Northampton at 4am that day. "I

need to go to the loo, but I can't. The minute I leave my perch the bird will come out." Although there are at least 400 breeding pairs in Scotland, this pair, which have been together for 14 years, have been the only breeding pair in England for the past 12

duce a chick for three years. The male is at least 24 years old and believed to be the oldest wild bird in the British Isles. Until this chick was born it was unclear if an eagle of this age could still be fertile, Andy Schofield, the RSPB's eagle warden, said.

The future is bleak because once this pair go from here or die, the chance of young eagles coming here to live is very remote. The young simply cannot put up with the noise and head to Scotland, but this pair have built up an amazing tolerance. They are A two-part report on the threat to next month's championship: today, police plans to prevent clashes

Neo-fascists aim to stamp their mark on Euro 96

By John Goodbody, sports news correspondent

ORGANISED groups of rival fans with links to neo-fascist parties are planning violent clashes to disrupt the European football championship in England next month.

In spite of a massive security operation, police fear that Euro 96, the biggest sports event ever staged in Britain, could be ruined by hooligans as they battle for supremacy during the three-week tournament. Both the last two European championships, in Germany in 1988 and Sweden in 1992, were marred by clashes between England followers and European lans.

Police intelligence units have learnt that some of the expected 250,000 foreign supporters are planning to cause similar havoc in England during a championship promoted under the banner "Football Comes Home". In the past few weeks police in Britain and on the Continent have watched the end of the football season with anxiety. There has been crowd disorder not only in England but also in Rotterdam and Paris. Privately. British officers

admit there is likely to be some disorder during Euro 96, but they hope it can be contained. Intelligence officers point to potential risks from Germany, Holland, Turkey and possibly Italy. Dutch and German fans have a reputation for aggression and are fierce rivals.

Turkish supporters clashed with British fans during a club match in Turkey last season. Police say their behaviour can be unpredictable and they could find the restrictions at

British grounds difficult to tolerate. They are used to a much more liberal approach, including the use of fireworks.

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The Italians are playing in the North West, which could cause friction because some supporters may seek revenge for the death of 39 Juventus supporters at the Heysel stadium in 1985, when Liverpool fans mounted a charge.

The biggest threat comes from violent groups of German supporters who have



already contacted groups of English fans challenging them to do battle. Chief Superintendent Michael Endler, who heads Germany's football intelligence unit. confirmed: The English hooligans are always considered number one in Europe and so it is obligatory for our German hooligans to go to England to come back with photos and newspapers of their clashes with English fans to help their reputation on the local scene. If there are no opponents, if the police are not around or

another hooligan group, then they will turn on coloured

people, for instance."

Their fiercest opponents are likely to be Combat 18, the ultra-right-wing English group. Sam Johnstone, of Liverpool University's Football Research Unit, said yesterday: "Euro 96 does present a perfect opportunity for Combat 18 to recruit and get publicity. Its attitude is, "We are English and proud of it and we will fight for our country'. They are also very well organised and, like many hooligan gangs, use mobile phones to contact each other."

Mr Johnstone, who has made a special study of violence in football, pointed out that Combat 18 was particularly active in February last year when it distributed antilrish literature in Dublin before England's match against the Republic of Ireland.

English fans chanting "No surrender to the IRA" hurled seats on to the Irish fans, causing an international to be abandoned for the first time in English football history. It was also the worst incident involving any English national or club team at a stadium since Hevsel.

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Combat 18 has close ties with the National Front. It has encouraged and promoted some of the violence involving English supporters in recent years. This includes the World Cup match against Holland in October 1993 when 1,100 Englishmen were deported, the highest number ever for a match involving the national team. The neo-fascists have



been particularly prominent among the London gangs such as West Ham's InterCity Firm, the Chelsea Headhunters and the Millwall Bushwackers. They have also been distributing leaflets in Manchester and South York-

shire.

Scots who fail to get one of the 8.150 seats for the game against England at Wembley on June 15 are expected to travel south in the hope of getting in. Andy Blange, a member of the Hibernian Casuals gang from Edinburgh, has said that he and others will try to buy tickets from touts and this will upset the segregation of supporters.

The annual England-Scotland match was abandoned in 1989 after a series of violent outbursts.

All England's preliminary games have been sold out, but Mr Johnstone said: "People will still go down to Wembley hoping to buy tickets on the black market. They will play a cat-and-mouse game with the police."

"I still think the policing is more than adequate to deal with trouble, but Euro 96 remains an opportunity for less salubrious types to cause disturbance."

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GANGS BEHIND THE VIOLENCE

The notorious English hooligan gangs of the early 1980s still exist, but are much smaller. Sam Johnstone, of the Liverpool University Football Research Unit, said: "There are fewer of these groups since Hillsborough — the enormity of that disaster changed many people's attitudes."

But Adrian Appleby, the policeman who headed the National Football Intelligence Unit when it was set up six years ago, said: "Many of the gangs have been very well organised, with "generals" directing the troops. The juniors do the fighting while the seniors carry out the planning and organisation."

out the planning and organisation."
Here is a breakdown of tour leading gangs:
The InterCity Firm: from West Ham. Got its
nickname because members used InterCity
trains to travel to games, Members of the gang
have left calling cards on the bodies of victims.

These read: "Congratulations, you have just met the ICF." This happened to an Arsenal fan who was stabbed to death in May 1992. The Chelsea Headhunters: The club's following achieved notonety particularly since March 1995, when Chelsea's visit to Bruges was marred by outbursts of trouble in the

Belgian city.

The Miliwall Bushwackers: Few groups of fans have had such a long record of disorder, although the club itself has tried manfully to shake off its unsavoury image. The Miliwall chart is celebrated: "Everybody hates us. We don't care. We are Miliwall."

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Manchester United's Red Army: The club is the best supported team in the country. But its recent series of successes seems to have taken much of the impetus away from its tans'

Three years of planning and £25m to nip trouble in the bud



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THE battle against hooliganism at Euro 96, estimated to cost £25 million, will be the largest national police operation since the miners' strike of 1984-85.

At least 10,000 officers from ten forces will be involved in policing the competition, using national and international computer links to monitor fans and hooligans. The Crown Prosecution Service, magistrates and the Prison Service have also developed contingency plans to deal with large-scale arrests.

Three years of planning have been needed to prepare for the three-week tournament. when police forces across the country will be coordinated at New Scotland Yard. Eight other centres will be operating in the host cities to co-

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ordinate policing. On June 1. a week before the championship begins, the London centre will begin the massive task of monitoring thousands of foreign and English supporters and supplying information to regional forces, ports and airports.

Assistant Chief Constable Malcolm George, head of policing for Euro 96, said: "It is a massive operation but it is not intrusive. Our main strategy will be quite intellectual and we have to target the hooligan element, not just here but across continental Europe."

Each force covering cities where matches are being played has developed a four-phase plan. Small-scale forces trouble will be met by units of local officers trained in basic riot control. If the problems get worse tactical support units with more equipment to co-

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the line, officers will be brought in from other parts of the force and as a last resort a force would call for reinforcements from surrounding forces.

At the centre in New Scotland Yard, the seven operational members of the football unit of the National Criminal Intelligence Service (NCIS), which was set up after the trouble at the 1988 European championship will be joined by 18 policemen who specialise in countering football violence. In addition, 15 foreign liaison officers, one from each of the visiting countries, will interpret the information on the movements of continental

Their first task will be stop potential troublemakers from entering Britain. Immigration officers will be able to deny entry to anyone whose presence in Britain "is not conducive to public good". It is inevitable that some foreign trouble-makers will escape detection at ports of entry. However, several countries, including Holland and Germany, are also sending plainclothes policemen who will help the British forces to identify known hooligans.

Germany, Holland and Scotland — among the countries whose fans could spark the worst disorder — are each sending four spotters. Other countries will be sending two. As Detective Chief Inspector Bryan Drew of NCIS said: "Even if you have a list of troublemakers, this is not of value unless you recognise them." Ten photophones, which can produce a much better-quality colour picture than a fax, will be used by the eight forces patrolling the grounds where matches are being played plus New Scotland Yard and the British

Transport Police. NCIS has details of 5,000 convicted and suspected English hooligans in its files.

The biggest problem for Com-

mander John Purnell, who is heading the 55 million operation for the capital, will come on June 15, with Trooping the Colour in the morning and the England-Scotland game at Wembley in the afternoon. The police also have to provide cover for an air show at Biggin Hill on the other side of London.

Mr. George who chairs the public

Mr George, who chairs the public order subcommittee of the Association of Chief Police Officers, said: "I am confident we have got the strategy, manpower and intelligence to ensure this is remembered as a football event, not a hooligan event."

☐ Tomorrow: Germany's troubled terraces



George: believes police operation not intrusive

Tourists deterred by fear

By Harvey Elliott Travel Corresponden

FOREIGN tourists are being deterred from coming to Britain because of potential trouble from football fans during Euro 96. Hoteliers and tour operators are so concerned that they are questioning the policy of Britain staging big international sporting events. Richard Tobias, chief executive of the British Incoming

Richard Tobias, chief executive of the British Incoming Tour Operators Association, said: "Hoteliers had hoped that Euro 96 would provide a bonanza, but the truth is that many fans are coming to England on charter planes and will be returning home as soon as their match ends

soon as their match ends.

"After Euro 96, we will examine the position very carefully to see whether these events really benefit Britain. There is a wide body of thought that many of our traditional high-spending visitors have been put off."

In the first quarter of the year, the number of visitors to Britain rose by 6 per cent compared with the same per-

iod in 1995 — a total of 4.52 million overseas arrivals. Hotels reported a similar increase in bookings.

But bookings have now tailed off and the next quarter is expected to be well down, partly because of Euro 96 and partly because of the BSE scare which is especially deterring French school parties.

BITOA, which represents 300 incoming tourism organisations in Britain, expects to generate £12 billion to the Exchequer from 24 million overseas visitors this year.

Ministers delay plans for longer pub opening times

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT oubs to pubs in rural areas. Although ened,

PROPOSALS to allow pubs to stay open until midnight on Fridays and Saturdays have been postponed because the Government fears strong opposition from neighbours and criticism from nightclub owners.

owners.

Ministers have decided against publishing plans to overhaul weekend licensing laws until they have seen the effect of allowing football fans to drink until lam in pubs and fam in clubs in cities staging matches during the Euro 90 championship. Any drink-related violence in those cities will be a blow to ministerial plans to allow an extra hour of drinking in England and

Wales at weekends.

Under the Government's proposals, magistrates would have the power to grant or refuse the extra hours depending on opposition from local residents. One senior Whitehall source admitted that there could be an electoral backlash from Tory voters living near

ministers generally favour the relaxation as a way of meeting changing social habits and of removing red tape from businesses, one source said:

There are a lot of serious disadvantages in it for them. It is all very well to allow the extra hour in the city centres but in small towns and rural

areas it will add to the burden on the police."

Ministers have twice postponed publication of a consultation paper on relaxing licensing laws and it is now unlikely to appear until later in the summer. The Government is also under pressure from nightclubs and discos to match the extra pub hours with a similar extension to 3am in the regions and 4am in

central London.

Club owners have told ministers that their business will be hit hard if the three-hour differential in closing times is not maintained. They have said that, if the gap is short-

ened, a "happy hour" price war will break out between nightclubs and pubs to attract late-night custom.

Tony Marshall, of the Brit-

Tony Marshall, of the British Entertainment and Discotheque Association, said yesterday: "Our greatest fear is that, by allowing pubs to stay open until later on Friday and Saturdays, people will not even bother to go to discos.
"We will press the Home

"We will press the Home Office to extend licensing hours for discotheques in line with any extension they consider giving to public houses. They must retain the differential of three hours that has existed for 30 years."

The relaxation planned by the Home Office is the latest in a number of measures to increase pub opening times. Other changes being considered include allowing restaurants to serve alcohol without food. They would be allowed to become wine bars or French-style brasseries without changing their licences.

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Saudi prince restores a perfect English oasis

By Rachel Kelly and Emma Wilkins

A SAUDI prince's dream in the Oxfordshire countryside is nearing completion. After four years during which he has spent an estimated £42 million, the finishing touches are being made to the renovation of Glympton House and 21 adjoining properties to create what is probably the most perfectly restored village in Britain.

Stonemasons, carpenters and landscape gardeners have been hard at work ever since Prince Bandar, the Saudi Arabian Ambassador to Washington, bought the 2,000-acre Glympton Park estate near Woodstock four years ago from Alan Bond, the Australian entrepreneur, for about

Most of Glympton's 80 residents are delighted at the restoration. But some are concerned that the prince may restrict public access to the 65 acres of parkland surrounding his mansion, and one couple will lose their home as a result of his wish to have all his cottages occupied by estate

There is no mistaking the work that has gone into the rebirth of Glympton. The drystone wall encircling the estate has been repaired. The grounds have been completely Goffinet. All the cottages have been modernised, their roofs mended and bathrooms installed. Dilapidated farm buildings have been demolished and rebuilt, and the lodge house to the estate

The main house itself has been transformed. It had no heating or wiring



Prince Bandar: said to be enthusiastic anglophile

Glympton House, painstakingly renovated with added glory, and Pam Franklin, below, a casualty of the prince's desire to have an estate populated by workers

Britain.

when the prince bought it, and damp had crept in. Now the facade of the 17th-century Grade II-listed property has been renovated and extended. and a new entrance porch built. The basement has been enlarged to include an under-

ground rackets court, swimming pool, gym and lesisure spa, and lifts now ascend to the new bedroom and bathroom suites. The plasterwork in the staterooms has been meticulously replaced and cleaned, and

emphasis on sophisticated security systems. The prince, aged 45, is an enthusiastic anglophile, although he is expected to spend only brief periods at Glympton. A Saudi business colleague said: "He was charmed by the special magic of the estate and its village,

and wished to restore it to perfection."

John and Pam Franklin, however, represent an imperfection. As the last tenants in the village to have a commercial rental agreement with the estate, they have been asked to leave their two-bedroomed cottage. Mrs Franklin, who is five months' pregnant, has found a new home outside the village, but the couple cannot move in yet and face ten weeks staying with friends. "It's very unfortunate that

this has happened when I am paint in colours appropriate to pregnant, it is the worst time the period has been reproto move," Mrs Franklin, an duced. There is considerable artist, said. "I think the estate manager is mortified, but there is not a great deal we can do. The estate is quite within its rights to ask us to go, but we are desperately trying to get a little more time."

Some villagers are concerned by tight security around the perimeter of the

are not many Englishmen parkland, which is crossed by a public footpath. Dr Graham these days who are rich Swift, a parish councillor, enough to afford to do all this said: "The footpath is a disadwork, so we shouldn't comvantage for the prince, but he plain. It is funny, though, to has gone to a lot of trouble to think that an English village screen the view of his house by planting hundreds of trees. If has been restored by someone from Saudi Arabia, but I have to say that he has done he ever planned to change the footpath, I'm sure the local nothing but good. We must be council and the Council for the the best-restored village in

work is the planning departabout it." But most villagers have ment of West Oxfordshire nothing but praise for the District Council, which said prince. Ivy Dixon, 70, whose that the prince had discharged his responsibilities in relation ate husband was the estate to listed buildings, and had farm manager, now enjoys a managed to balance the needs new roof, restored stonework. of conservation and restordamp course, double-glazing and a modern bathroom and kitchen in her two-bedroomed cottage. "Things have got to be brought up to modern standards and, without the new

Protection of Rural England

would have something to say

Barnsey, at 82 Glympton's oldest male resident, welcomes his Saudi landlord. "I suppose, coming from all that sand, it's nice for owner, Glympton would eventually have just fallen down." him to have a bit of English Mrs Dixon added: "There greenery around him.



Volunteers rescue last words beyond the grave

THOUSANDS of inscriptions from crumbling gravestones are being recorded on computer disks before they are lost to vandals and the elements. Amateur gravespotters from genealogical societies, Women's Institutes and parish churches have been enlisted to gather the information

A computer program devel-oped at De Montford University Bedford enables small pools of information to be merged to create an increasingly comprehensive database. Richard Smart, the university's head of history, said: "Memorial inscriptions are pieces of history disappearing before our eyes. They are a vital research resource.

The software has been taken up by nine family history societies since its launch last November, and the creation of a national database of inscriptions is now possible.

Headstones provide information not easily available from records such as parish registers and census returns. Michael Gandy, a leading genealogist and vice-chair of the Federation of Family History Societies, said: "A headstone can tell you about sons who died abroad in a war. babies who died in infancy unbaptised, and give rock-solid evidence of family relationships." On weekends, small groups

of up to 30 enthusiasts can be found recording inscriptions in their local churchyards. Geoff Sewell, of the Bedfordshire family history society. said: "We make a map of the yard, numbering each grave and then copy inscriptions on to card index files. We have five filing cabinets of this data which is being loaded on computer by our members." For more information and a list of Family History Societies write to: The Administrator, The Federation of Family History Societies, The Benson Room, Birmingham and Mid-land Institute, Margaret Street, Birmingham B3 3BS.



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School sport to be halted if teachers not insured

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

BRITAIN'S biggest teaching union is threatening to halt school sports matches immediately unless teachers are given "cast-iron guarantees" that they are fully insured when

supervising games.
The National Union of Teachers is writing today to all its members' employers, demanding clarification over insurance arrangements after a referee was held liable last month for injuries that left a rugby player in a wheelchair. Teachers will be advised to withdraw from out-of-school sport immediately if the union is not satisfied with replies.

Ben Smoldon's successful action against the referee in a 1991 match for Sutton Coldfield Colts caused alarm in the world of amateur sport. Al-though the referee, Michael Nolan, was covered by the Rugby Football Union's insurance, lawyers have given warning that the precedent could encourage many more

Teachers are covered by employers liability insurance for sporting activities during the school day, but out-ofschool activities require extra cover. Education authorities and church schools agreed in 1973 to provide it, but the union fears that some grantmaintained schools and new local authorities may not be

Doug McAvoy, the NUT's general secretary, said that, without proper insurance, teachers could face financially ruinous awards against them. "School sport cannot thrive against a background of uncertainty.

The union is giving authorities and grant-maintained schools 48 hours to respond. Mr McAvoy, a former physiwould be foothardy of any teacher to participate in out-ofschool sport if the necessary guarantee was not provided.

Several schools have been sued by parents over sports injuries. Two years ago, Surrey Education Authority settled an action out of court after Richard Swan, who was injured in a mistimed rugby tackle, claimed that George Abbot School, in Guildford, had failed to instruct him

properly in the game. But Mr McAvoy said the Nolan case had highlighted teachers' vulnerability. "It is unacceptable that their com-

FEES: TO RISE 6.5% UNDER LABOUR

Independent school fees would rise by an average of 6.5 per cent if a Labour government abolished the schools' charitable status, according to a survey published today. The impact would be felt most in small schools, some of which might have

Labour is yet to determine its approach to independent schools. The Independent Schools Information Service (Isis) found that schools are providing £125 million to help families to pay fees. With other charitable activities accounting for a further £1.73 million, Isis estimates that the schools are giving away £1.99 for every £1 they gain from charitable status.

cal education teacher, said it mitment to school sport and their pupils' physical development could leave them open to claims for damages."

The Government plans to allow schools to exclude children for up to 45 days at a time, instead of the present 15 days. Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, confirmed yesterday.
Ministers hope that the

move, to be implemented as soon as possible, will halt the rise in permanent expulsions. now more than 11,000 a year. Schools say that part of the reason for the increase is the removal of their power to exclude children for indefinite periods. Exclusion for just 15 days, they say, does not allow enough time to asses the cause of disruptive behaviour.

Mrs Shephard is also to look again at the operation of appeals panels. The National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers has twice used the threat of strike action to frustrate parental wishes after appeals panels overturned decisions by a school's head and governors to exclude a child.



Father Breen, parish priest of Avoca. He said: "I thought they would send us up, but it is just a bit of fun".

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Last laugh for TV village kissed by angel of fortune

A SMALL village in the heart of the Garden of Ireland is reaping rewards for its role in the television series Ballykissangel. Initially there was concern about the effect on its image but now hundreds of English tourists a day are flocking to Avoca, Co Wicklow, to pose for photographs outside the small parish church before heading for a pint at the even smaller pub.

The hilltop village provides the rural setting for the whimsical BBC drama about an English priest posted to the fictional Ballykissangel, where his vows of celibacy are tested by a relationship with the local barmaid.

Avoca's increasing fame was reflected on last night's Songs of Praise, which came from the village church, St Mary and Patrick's - St

series. takings at the craft shop is a boost for the community, which has suffered chronic unemployment since the local copper mines closed 13 years ago with the loss of 1,000 jobs. Father Dan Breen, 66, the real parish priest, said: "Nearly

everyone is on social welfare. so it's good that they can make a few extra pounds." Initially, Father Breen had mixed feelings about the programme, but he is now a fan. He said: "I thought they were going to send us up because the producers were attracted by Avoca's backward and seedy look. But the BBC told me the programme would be whimsical and harmless, and

that has proved true."

His views are not shared by prgramme "pandered to received romantic notions" about Ireland. But Father trademark black leather jacket and puffing away on a cigar dismissed the critics: "They think the programme is paddywackery. They take themselves far too seriously

As he spoke outside a mockup of Ballykissangel post office, scores of English tourists made their way up the village's only street. Patricia Matthews. from Doncaster, said: "My daughter is so jealous I'm here. She wants pictures of everything in the



The TV cast barmaid Dervla Kirwan, businessman Tony Doyle, and Stephen Tompkinson as the priest

Irish count cost of **Eurovision success**

By Alan Hamilton

ALL Ireland was in a state of shock, and parts of the country in abject despair, as the awful news sank home yesterday that it had won the Eurovision Song Contest for the fourth time in five years.

The pyrrhic victory means

that under Eurovision rules RTE, the country's modestsized state broadcaster, will yet again have to play host to next year's contest, at an estimated cost to its small annual budget of £2.5 million.

Success came easily in Oslo on Saturday night to Eimear Quinn, the 23-year-old music sudent who performed the winning entry, The Voice. Dublin's most sober daily newspaper, the Irish Times, had a premonition of disaster on Saturday, carrying the headline: "Ominous signs of

an Irish song contest win." Yesterday's post-match dissection was led by the Sunday Independent, which claimed that the Irish victory was no accident. They know they can rely on us, the patsies of Europe, to cough up the dough for another hooley next year." it said. "For years now the

scam has been well known throughout European TV stations. Put up a lousy song, you get a three-hour TV show costing millions, and you make sure the Irish passies will take the whole thing seriously and end up paying for next year's gig." Money that would have gone to documentaries and features would now have to be spent staging next year's contest, it

Liam Miller, RTE's director of programmes, attempted to put a brave face on his difficulties yesterday, saying that it would take the company's board at least two weeks to decide what to do. Television officials claimed that another Irish win was good. but expensive, publicity for the tourist industry.

Ireland first entered the contest in 1965 and had its first win in 1970 with All Kinds Of Everything, sung by Dana. Last year's contest was won by had the reputation of consistently scoring nul point. What turned their fortunes round? They hired an Irish singer.

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US funds study of Gulf War illness in British troops

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

but findings of cancer or birth

defects are meaningless until

you have done a large-scale

have to see whether there is an

excess of illness in the Gulf war group, whether it follows

any pattern - is there more

cancer or asthma, or is there a

new syndrome? -- and wheth-

er it can be linked to anything.

study which will establish the

patterns of illness in Gulf War

veterans. Others can then do

The Gulf Veterans Associ-

ation said that one in ten of the 51,000 British troops who went to the Gulf had reported

illnesses. Larry Cammock, the

association's treasurer, said:

the whole thing is being

looked at seriously for a

change, instead of being de-

nied. We hope they are com-

pleted as quickly as possible

and show the true picture of

what is going on instead of

These research studies show

more detailed research."

"It will be the definitive

pidemiological study. We

A MILLION-DOLLAR study to determine whether Guit War syndrome has affected British soldiers is being undertaken in this country, at the three-year study, led by two specialists in unexplained syndromes at King's College Medical School, London, will be the first systematic examination of the health of soldiers who served in the Gulf.

Although the Pentagon has cent \$92 million (about £62 million) researching the syndrome in the United States, no epidemiological studies, designed to reveal the pattern of illness, have been ione because America has no unified system of medical record-keeping. In this country, the National Health Service provides the body of data required for the research.

A total of 15,000 men and women will be surveyed, including 5,000 who served in the Gulf and 5,000 who served in other foreign countries such as Bosnia. The remainder will be controls. An advertisement for a co-ordinator to run the research appears in the current issue of the British Medical Journal.

The Pentagon has put up the money as part of its commitment to Nato and because it wishes to study the impact of the syndrome on the forces of the coalition that drove the Iraqi forces out of Kuwait.

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Council is meanwhile to announce a £1.5 million grant from the Ministry of Defence to conduct further research into the syndrome. A spokesman said a call for research proposals would go out in the next two weeks: "We need to establish whether or not there is something tangible here."

More than 700 former British servicemen and women claim they are suffering from illnesses related to the 1991 Gulf War, when they were exposed to the threat of chemi-cal or biological attack. Although it is now accepted that no such attack occurred, the soldiers believe their symptoms were caused by the drugs they were given to counter an

These included immunisations against anthrax, botulism and bubonic plague and daily doses of nerve agent pre-treatment sets. called Naps. Naps contain a drug called pyridostigmine bromide. which is used for the treatment of the neurological condition myasthenia gravis.

The Pentagon-funded study, led by Dr Simon Wessley, an expert in chronic fatigue syndrome, and Dr Tony David, a neuropsychiatrist, will look at whether there is an excess of illness among those who served in the Gulf compared with those who served elsewhere or who stayed at home.

Dr Wessley said: "We know The Medical Research there are soldiers who are ill.



Richard and Sarah Davies preparing yesterday for their trip to the Falklands

GP sets sail for Falklands job

SAILING CORRESPONDENT

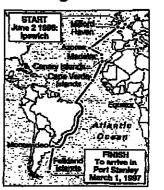
A DOCTOR is making final miles in a 36ft yacht to the Falkland Islands where he will take up a post as a GP.

Richard Davies, 36, and his wife Sarah, 33, will set sail for Port Stanley on June 2. Dr Davies will join a team of three other GPs serving the islands' population of 2,000. Mrs Davies hopes to work as

Dr Davies, who has worked in general practice in Ipswich for seven years, was looking to combine his love of sailing with his career. The classified cal Journal provided the perfect opportunity — GP Medical Officer to serve the Falklands plus visiting com-mercial fisherman.

He made previous attempts to find a job in Australia and New Zealand, but officials were concerned that he was planning to arrive on board his own yacht, Cowrie, after a ten-month voyage. Falkland Islands official had no such

This week the couple are completing final preparations in lpswich before sailing for



the Azores, Madeira, the Ca-nary Islands, the Cape Verde Islands, the Brazillian coast and down to Montevideo for Christmas. Mr Davies is due to start work on March 1.

They have begun loading Cowrie with food and spares. It will set off with about a quarter of a ton of pasta, 100 cans of tinned tomatoes and a large side of ham.

When they eventually reach their destination, the Falklands will offer some of the most challenging and un-spoilt cruising in the world. There are islands, fjords and channels to explore," Dr Da-vies said. "There's also interesting wildlife - loads of

Infections kill 17m each year

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

A GLOBAL crisis of infectious disease is facing rich and poor nations, a World Health Organisation report

warms today. More than 17 million people die from infectious diseases each year, although many could be cured for as little as 50p per person. In the diseases have emerged, but initial optimism that they could be easily controlled "led to a fatal complacency", says the WHO's Director-General. Dr Hiroshi Nakajima. Matters are likely to worsen with air travel posing a growing threat of spreading diseases between continents within

days or hours.
The World Health Report for 1996 records the main killers as pneumonia, 4.4 million deaths: cholera, typhoid and dysentery, 3.1 million; TB 3.1 million; malaria 2.1 million: hepatitis B, I.l million; HIV/Aids and measles, I million; tetanus, whooping cough and intestinal worms, million. Dr Lindsay Marti-

nez, an infectious disease specialist at WHO, notes new diseases such as hepatitis C, ebola, haeomorhagic fever and the strain of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease that has apparently emerged in Britain. She adds: "Aids turned into a global pandemic in just a few

oped serious drug resistance. such as gonorrhoea, pneumo nia, and TB. Real success against others is possible; polio and leprosy could be eliminated as a public health problem within a few years. The report calls for im-

provements in international surveillance on new out-breaks, prevention strategies and public health practices. ☐ Professor Donald Henderson, who spearheaded the WHO's successful eradication of smallpox, said in a lecture at the Royal Society that mankind's survival may depend on more money being spent on vaccine research.

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MEDICAL BRIEFING



by singing a song, or writing a poem.

and manacles and compelled to labour.

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watching Burma for years.

trails with little food or rest.

We saw these 'criminals' bound in chains

We watched a small boy, forced to work

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The horrors you didn't see.

you should know that, harrowing as it was,

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Burma: Amnesty International has been

One of the things the film couldn't show

was the horrific human processions that

wind through Burma's mountains: thousands

of people, Burmese villagers who have been

forced at gunpoint by the army to work as

porters, carrying heavy loads along steep

spared. If they fall they are left to die by the

The sick, old, mentally ill - none are

If you were moved by John Pilger's film,

Did you see John Pilger's shocking documentary about Burma, where thousands have been killed for daring to call for democracy, where the woman who won an election was held under house arrest for years, where children are forced to labour for the army and you can be clapped in manacles and chains for singing a song about freedom? Can you see such things and not want to help?

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We saw these things because Burmese people risked their lives to film them secretly.

We heard the voices of cameramen who had been warned that they would be shot if they kept on filming. As the soldiers raise their guns one cameramen asks the other:

'What shall we do?'

Keep on filming till they shoot us.'

We saw brave Aung San Suu Kyi, who won a democratic election with 82% of the seats, who was confined under arrest in her house by the generals who lost.

We saw how the generals imprison any who dare to express a desire for freedom -

mountainsides to fall to their deaths.

Amnesty International has produced report after report on Burma. We campaign for an end to forced portering and for the release of more than a thousand people who are in prison for daring to call for democracy.

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Please take this opportunity to join us or make a donation to help our work. Make . today the day. Make this the moment. Pick up your pen and fill in the coupon. Or pick up the phone. Do it now. Do it for the sake of the suffering people in Burma whose acts of principle and courage deserve more than our complicit silence.

Healthy roots of



Australian wine A DOCTOR who abandoned thoughts of a career as a surgeon to combine general practice with running a wine estate in Hunter Valley. Australia, will be among the exhibitors at the wine fair at

Olympia in London this week. Dr Philip Norrie is following in some well-trodden footsteps. Australian doctors have had a respect for the medicinal properties of wine since the days of transportation. Convict ships were supplied with wine and one of the jobs of the ship's doctor was to make certain that it was issued.

It was noticed early on that those convicts who drank wine were more likely to survive and were in better physical shape when they reached Australia than those who did not

Many of the ship's doctors stayed and planted vines for the benefit of themselves and their patients. Some 160 of the largest vineyards in Australia were founded by doctors and 90 are still in their hands. Three of the four largest wine companies in Australia were started by doctors and 60 per cent of the total Australia grape crush is processed by companies begun by members

of the medical profession. A recent Australian longterm study into the health of the elderly looked at the factors that contributed to

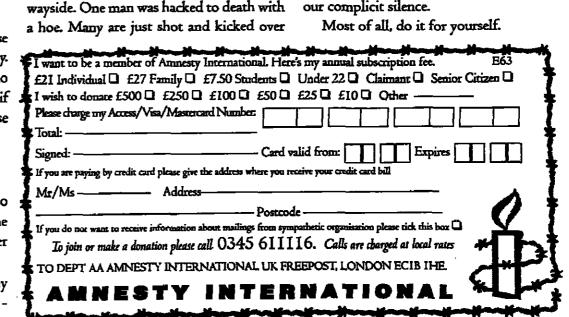
survival and wellbeing in nearly 3,000 people in Dubbo, New South Wales. The research workers came to conclusions that confirmed the opinions of the convict ships' doctors nearly 200 years ago. The study shows that the

link between a reasonable alcohol intake and good health continues, and is particularly important in older people in whom cardiovascular disease is a frequent cause of illhealth. The old men of Dubbo who consumed more than three standard units of alcohol a day had a 63 per cent lower mortality rate during a 13-month period than those who

abstained. The Government's present recommendation is that men should not drink more than 28 units a week, but Dr Norrie reports that another large Australian project has shown benefit in up to 40 units a

Unfortunately, although the Dubbo research suggested that older women, too, would benefit from moderate alcohol consumption, only 15 per cent drank more than one unit a day, so that no firm conclusions could be drawn from the available statistics.

> DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD



FROM TOM WALKER IN PHNOM PENH

SAM RAINSY, the Cambodian opposition politician, yesterday condemned Hun Sen, the country's de facto Communist leader, as an accomplice to murder and a tyrant at the helm of a terrorist state.

Mr Rainsy's close friend and ally in the Khmer Nation Party. Thun Bun Ly, was shot by masked assassins in a busy street of the capital. Phnom Penh, on Saturday. As the body was brought to party headquarters before burial. Mr Rainsy, whom many Western leaders believe represents Cambodia's only hope of reform, launched an emotional attack on a regime he said was turning the nation into an Asian "Lebanon" of private fiefdoms and warlords.

The murder — the latest of hundreds of contract killings since the United Nations' £1.3 billion attempt to install de-mocracy ended in 1993 — has brought a nation racked by banditry, corruption and exploitation to the brink of collapse. While the ruling coalition of royalists and Communists is in tatters, King Sihanouk, the unitary and semi-divine symbol of the Cambodian people, seems unwilling to return from China, where he is receiving medical treatment. Over this broken landscape Hun Sen, an acknowledged expert in the art of divide-and-rule, executes policy at rifle point.

"Of course, he does not kill himself, but at the least he was aware of the decision to kill." Mr Rainsy said. "In a country like Cambodia the top leader is aware, because he lets people conduct and implement these decisions. Without saying anything or trying to prevent it in any sense, he is responsible."

As well as being a prominent opposition member, Mr Ly was publisher of the Odamktek Khmer (Khmer Ideal) newspaper, which had a long-running feud with Mr Sen and Prince Norodom Ranariddh, his joint Prime Minister. Mr Ly was threat-ened with jail last year after being found guilty of defaming the two Prime Ministers in an article which suggested they should "stop barking".

The newspaper was pub-lished on Saturday for the first time in months. In character-istic fashion it contained a cartoon of Mr Sen as a puppetmaster, pulling the strings of Prince Ranariddh. The edition also contained an article by Mr Ly in which he claimed to have received death threats from an army colonel.

Although King Sihanouk

had demanded an amnesty for Mr Ly and Prince Ranariddh had agreed, Mr Sen's detestation of the paper was undimmed. A cartoon depicting his wife as a pig did nothing to ease tension.

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assassins pulled level with Mr Rainsy challenged the The publisher was shot Government to bring the killthree times as he rode his

climate of fear, and if any serious investigation is made it would lead back to the state and the Government," he said. "This is political intimidation

ers to justice. There is a and political murder committed by agents of a terrorist state. Everybody is afraid. Mr Sen has declared the Khmer Nation Party illegal and is trying to push through

Thun Bun Ly, the assassinated Cambodian publisher and politician, speaking to security police during his trial in August last year when he was found guilty of defaming the country's joint Prime Ministers

a nationality Bill that would bar politicians with dual nationality from office. This move, which would affect Mr Rainsy and the majority of

Jail isolates **Ogoni** activists

By MICHAEL DYNES

NINETEEN Ogoni activists being held by Nigerian mili-tary authorities for complicity in murder have been thrown into solitary confinement for smuggling a letter highlighting their appalling conditions out of Port Harcourt prison.

Nigeria's Interior Ministry launched an investigation into how the letter was smuggled to the Western press. All prison guards were being interrogated to find out who was responsible, and the detainees were strip-searched to remove writing materials.

The handwritten letter was smuggled out of the prison after a guard was bribed by the prisoners. It was published last week in The Times. and described how the prisoners were being held in a vermin-infested cell, where drinking water had been contaminated by decaying human remains.

A high-ranking official of the Movement for the Survival of Ogoni People (Mosop), said in a telephone interview They are being punished for drawing attention to their plight. Their condition is now even worse than it was before. and there is growing concern

for their state of health." The 19 were arrested in May 1994 for their alleged involvement in the murder of WORLE

Demirel escapes assassin

tion attempt against President Demirel of Turkey was blamed yesterday on a lone Islamic extremist, reportedly protesting at a recent military deal between Israel and Turkey (Andrew Finkel writes). Ibrahim Gumrukcuoglu, 47, a pharmacist, had a history of mental illness, police said. He managed to get within yards of the President, who

was opening a new shopping centre near here. As he fired, a bodyguard deflected his aim and a press photographer was

Army chief and minister seized

Bangui: Mutinous soldiers were holding a Cabinet minis-ter and the Army Chief of Staff hostage as pressure mounted against the Government of the Central African Republic, a presidential spokesman said. At least three people were reported to have been killed and 50 wounded as 200 mutinous soldiers tried to take control of the state radio station. The rebels had also surrounded the presidential palace. (AFP)

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Yeltsin ignores murder threat

said the Kremlin knew of a rebel plot to kill him if he visited Chechenia, but his electioneering trip would go ahead and he would try to end the fighting there. Visiting Siberia, he offered an olive branch to other candidates by again suggesting a coalition to defeat the Communist leader, Gennadi Zyuganov. (Reuter) Leading article. page 17

Sixty Kurd rebels killed in clash

Diyarbakir: Turkish troops killed at least 60 Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) rebels in the southeast province of Batman, one of the biggest recent losses for the Kurdish guerril-las in a single clash, the provincial governor, Salih Sarman, said. Three village guards were killed in the clash. (Reuter)

Italy outlaws parental smacks

Rome: Italian parents can no longer hit their children even if they think a smack is of educational value, the high court said in a weekend ruling in favour of a girl who in 1990, at the age of 10, complained to the police that her father had



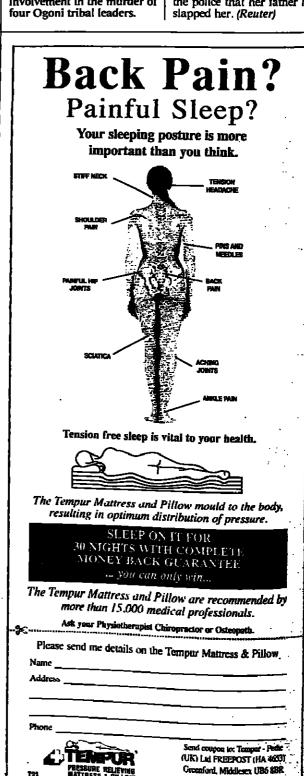
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China cracks down on Tibetan monks defying new ban

By Jonathan Mirsky in hong kong and Our Foreign Staff

CHINA is being openly defied by monks at Tiber's main monasteries who have been infuriated by a ban on pictures of the Dalai Lama.

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Unrest has spread from the mountain-top monastery at Ganden, one of the world's most important Buddhist sites, to the principal monas-teries in Lhasa, the capital. At Ganden, Chinese repression was so severe that two lorries were reportedly used to take monks and nuns to hospital.

A tourist who saw them said: "Some people were walking, some people could not walk. They were holding each other and some were crying or screaming ... Their whole faces were sore and covered with blood. On the other truck I saw some legs hanging out

Peking's order for pictures of the Dalai Lama to be removed from Tibetan schools follows an earlier one for regard as their spiritual and temporal leader to be taken from temples.

Tourists in Lhasa reported that last week the Jokhang, Tibet's main temple, and the Sera, Drepung and Ramoche monasteries, were closed.

The London-based Tibet In-formation Network, which keeps in touch with dissenters. said that up to 80 people, at least 30 of them women, had been injured in a clash with the authorities on May 14.

The abbot of Ganden is traditionally one of the tutors of the Dalai Lama. The monastery was completely destroyed by dynamite during the Cultural Revolution and as recently as 1990 the complex looked like a bombed city. Monks there recalled Chinese destruction and how sacred texts were burnt.

The picture crackdown results in part from Peking's fury with the Dalai Lama for images of the man Tibetans disputing China's identifica-

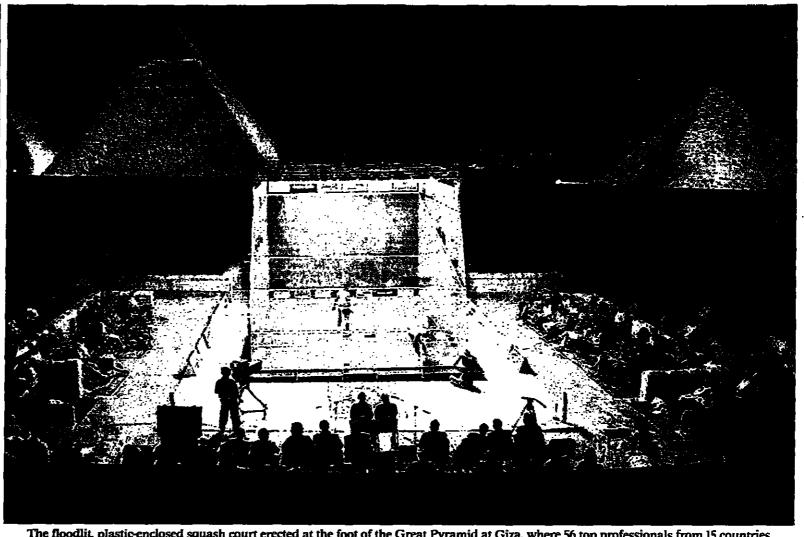
tion of a six-year-old boy as the eleventh Panchen Lama, Ti-Dalai Lama. The Dalai Lama had already approved the identification of a different boy by the abbot and other monks from the Panchen's seat at the Tashilumpo monastery in Shigatse. That boy, his family, the

abbot and some of his team

have disappeared. Peking

claims they are safe but refuses to produce them. The repression in Tibet is part of a general tightening up on all dissent in China and its minority regions. Chinese newspapers contain increasingly stark reports about repression of "splittists" in Xinjiang, in the far West, home to 18 million Muslims.

The Tibet Daily reported in a front-page editorial yesterday that police had been ordered to stamp out a campaign of "terrorist" bombings by groups supporting the Da-



The floodlit, plastic-enclosed squash court erected at the foot of the Great Pyramid at Giza, where 56 top professionals from 15 countries are playing in a tournament sponsored by al-Ahram, Egypt's main newspaper, the first such event organised at the site. Report, page 22

Weekly drops story on Triads after 'hit' on publisher

By Jonathan Mirsky

AN ARTICLE naming Triad members, to have been printed in a new Hong Kong magazine, was withdrawn after its publisher had his arm hacked off by two attackers.

Leung Tin-wai was in criti-cal condition as surgeons waited to see if they had succeeded in saving his left forearm, re-attached after the brutal attack in his office last Wednesday. It occurred on the eve of the launch of his new magazine, Surprise Weekly, and many here suspect that it was its contents that provoked a criminal syndicate to order a

The magazine was to have carried an article naming members of Triads, Hong volved in prisons in nearby Macau. The attempt to name them violated a publishing taboo, for the Triads are widely feared. While the article was eventually withdrawn,

it appeared in a dummy issue. Yesterday hundreds of Hong Kong journalists demonstrated outside police headquarters and the courts and called for the arrest of the men who carried out the attack.

Eddie Hui, the Police Commissioner, issued a unique personal statement of concern about the victim. Mr Hui is said to have also noted that he regarded the bold attack on the publisher as a deliberate challenge to the police.

Kevin Lau, vice-president of the Hong Kong Journalists' Association, said the attack was a warning to journalists. "If two men can go into a newspaper office in the daytime and attack someone like this, that's a lesson, isn't it? They're saying: 'We could have done this to him in his car or at home, but that would be easy'. So they're making the point that you better be careful what you write."

Jimmy Lai, the publisher of Apple Daily, one of Hong Kong's most successful tabloids, whose offices and house were firebombed last year. said: "This was a professional attempted execution. We have to be careful what we say about people."

Francis Moriarty, of the Foreign Correspondents' Club, said: "It's frightening when we have this kind of direct assault on a respected member of our club." He added: "We can't have escalating violence against journal-ists here, especially when they are nervous enough about what's going to happen to the press after 1997 [when China takes over sovereignty]."

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British 'mad cow' strategists cannot play de Gaulle's Brussels gambit

he Cabinet ministers led by Michael Howard who hope to make an election issue of the EU beef ban are deluding themseives about how the EU works and public feeling. But so many false hopes and threats have been aired that the Government's fortunes now hang on a tussie between 15 vets over beef gelatin, tallow and semen.

If the ban on these is lifted by the EU today, John Major's spin doctors will be shouting triumph. If the ban stays, Euro-sceptics will be



much for beef. The BSE crisis marks the moment when the competition among the se-

Major took precedence over boycott of meetings in Brusthe country's national interest in bargaining our way out of trouble. Every lobby with an axe to grind on beef accepts that Britain cannot force, and must negotiate, an end to a ban which extends far beyond the EU.

But a few Tory ministers and MPs want to get tough. They are not discouraged by the complete absence of evidence that other EU states have conspired with malice aforethought to do down the British beef industry. The Foreign Secretary has told

sels will not work. There is no smoking gun and no empty chair. I hope that Malcolm Rifkind told his colleagues about Charles de Gaulle and The Commission wanted a the empty chair the last time anyone tried a Brussels

The general studied the diplomatic game with passionate concentration and his sense of timing was well honed. Back in 1965, when the EEC had just six members, he was fed up with

an ambitious German President of the European Commission who had the same sort of effect on de Gaulle as Jacques Delors later used to have on Margaret Thatcher.

large extension of majority voting and Commission power, but de Gaulle wasn't buying it. Without warning, a French minister suspended a deadlocked all-night negotiation amid a "glacial silence". France's ambassador to Brussels was recalled to Paris. No Frenchman showed up at any EEC meeting for more than six months. The Luxembourg

Compromise, which ended the chaise vide crisis, gave individual states a veto power which did not begin to be eroded for another 20 years.

e Gaulle had gamed his moves out on the chess board beforehand. He was in a position to stop something which had not yet happened and which could not go ahead without France. This does not apply to Britain and beef. The ban already exists so Britain is asking its partners to act and lift it boycotting beef discussions cannot make sense.

Dropping out of the EU working party fixing the trade rules for avocados or Arctic clothing will not stop the directives being passed.

Some ministers hinted that Britain's EU Ambassador, Stephen Wall, should be withdrawn from the weekly conference which is beginning to revise the Maastricht treaty. Since London allows Mr Wall very little room to negotiate anything at all, this move might be popular among other governments.

If a boycort would make the Government look weak and silly, using the EU as an

lunacy. People may not be fond of the EU, but they understand the consumer panic which lies behind the ban. I can't recall a minister reminding voters that British beef exports to the EU have been severely restricted since 1990 because of BSE. America has banned British beef since 1989. Last week I heard one Whitehall official speculate that the overall ban might not be lifted for five or ten years. De Gaulle would have done it differently.

GEORGE BROCK

Gibraltar leader vows to tackle drug smugglers

GIBRALTAR's new Chief Minister, Peter Caruana, has promised to reform the Rock's image as the "smugglers" cove" portrayed by the Span-

In his first interview since taking office, he told The Times that he was committed to repairing the damage he said had been done by Joe Bossano, his predecessor, who ruled Gibraltar for eight years up to his election defeat last

Mr Caruana said: "Inspired in large measure by the Spanish propaganda machine, the world now thinks of Gibraltar as nothing more than a smugglers' cove where nefarious activity is rampant."

He said he was committed to ending the smuggling by fast launch from Gibraltar to Spain of tobacco and drugs, which flourished unchecked for most of Mr Bossano's time in office. The new Chief Minister believes that it was this issue more than any other that led to Mr Bossano's defeat. Firm action against Gibraltar's smugglers, he says, would "repair the fabric of our own society", as well as furnish the Spanish Government with proof of his intention to "take Gibraltar out of the cul de sac into which Mr Bossano had thrust it".

Mr Caruana was elected on Friday in the most bitter elections in the colony's history. The turnout was a record per cent as voters delivered Gibraltar to a man who has promised to be more concilia-

tory towards Spain. His Gibraltar Social Democrats won 52 per cent of the



The Rock must be reconciled with Madrid while maintaining its sovereignty, the new Chief Minister, Peter Caruana, tells Tunku Varadarajan

vote, more than twice their support in the 1992 election. But there is a tragic background to Mr Caruana's celebrations. His oldest son, Michael, died four years ago in a horse-riding accident in southern Spain, aged nine.

The deeply religious Mr tion he had with Michael the day before the boy's death. "I asked him whether he minded daddy being in politics, with the long hours and pressures and problems. And he just put his arm around me and hugged me, and said that he wanted me to be Chief Minister of Gibraltar soon."

Mr Caruana's willingness to spell out during the campaign his desire for better relations with Madrid led to his being labelled a palomo, or traitor, by Mr Bossano's supporters. But visibly more relaxed after the elections, the new Chief Minister denies that he is "soft on Spain". "We are strong believers in

the fact that only through dialogue can there be any prospect of finding ways of mutual co-operation between Spain and Gibraltar," Mr Caruana said. "My Government will do anything, without prejudicing British sovereignty, to try to persuade Spanish politicians to take a different view of Gibraltar."

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ment accorded by the Dayton

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purposes of President Milo-

sevic of Serbia. Some interna-

Milosevic should help bring

about the overthrow of Dr Ka-

new economic sanctions.

Dr Karadzic's nominal de-

Referring to an incident during the campaign when Mr Bossano described José Maria Aznar, the Spanish Prime Minister, as a fascist, Mr Carvana said: "It will certainly not be my style to be provocative, because I want to make it easier, not more

better relations with us." But better relations, he insisted, "cannot be achieved by negotiations between Madrid and London alone". He added: 'We reject the traditional Spanish position that we are

difficult, for Spain to have



Caruana: committed to better ties with Spain

own future. Of course we are. We are not just pawns. This is not an empty rock. Spain has to find a way of making room for us in their negotiations with the Foreign Office."

Unlike the Bossano administration, however, Mr Caruana does not insist that Madrid renounce its claim to Gibraltar before sitting down for talks with Spain. "Our position is simple. We are not willing to negotiate sovereignty, but we are willing to put the question of sovereignty to one side. Spain must do so, too. And I do not insist on there being a Gibraltar 'delegation' at talks, if that will make things difficult. I just want a structure which recognises Gi-

braltar's own voice." Mr Bossano's aim was the swift "decolonisation" of Gibraltar. Mr Caruana's main concern is to "modernise" the colony. "We do not want to create a politically unstable environment for our economy. There can be no headlong rush into decolonisation, since that would damage the confidence of international investors in Gibraltar."

Mr Caruana added: "Of course, better relations with Spain would help us to prosper, but I wish to make it clear that we will not strive for that prosperity at the cost of

"The people of Gibraltar are a very long way from being willing to exchange their British birthright for economic expediency. We look to Britain and the EU to ensure that we will never be subjected to that oppressive choice."



Protecting herself from the sun, a nun sings during a Mass celebrated by the Pope at Maribor airport. Slovenia, yesterday. The service. at the end of the pontiff's three-day first visit to the country, was attended by about 120,000 people. As at **Thousands** greet Pope

the Pope's first open-air Mass at the racecourse in Ljubljana, the capital on Saturday, his seventy-sixth

birthday, the crowd was swelled by worshippers from the neighbouring countries of Croatia, Austria, Italy and Hungary. In his address, the Pope warned his listeners against the occult, astrology, magic and superstition. (AFP)

New wave of terror engulfs **Corsica** FROM SUSAN BELL

IN PARIS

ANOTHER chapter of violence has opened in Corsica as police on France's "impossible island" again find themselves the target of terrorist attacks by nationalists.

Since last Monday, when the "historic" branch of the outlawed National Corsican Liberation Front issued an ultimatum to the French Government and ordered its members to "make an armed response to any attempt at arrest", there have been 13 bomb and machinegun attacks on police, magistrates and customs officials. There have been no serious casualties so far.

Early yesterday the police barracks in Ventiseri-Pont du Travo became the latest target, when the nationalists sprayed it with machinegun fire.

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Last Tuesday there were four attacks in less than an hour on police and customs officials in Bastia and Ajaccio, and gunfire rang out in front of the island's main police barracks in Battesti.

While no group has claimed responsibility, the raids are believed to have been ordered by François Santoni, the leader of the "historic" branch of the movement, in an effort to prevent the arrest of one of his closest aides for murder. The suspect was due to be arrested last Monday as part of an island-wide clean-up operation ordered by the local examining magistrate, Marie-Pierre Sainte. More than 70 people suspected of drugs and arms smuggling and the rape of a minor, but M Santoni's friend was not apprehended. Two leading nationalists, Jean-Dominique Allegrini and Jose Savelli, were arrested on suspicion of arms trafficking.

A few hours later the movement issued its ultimatum, giving Paris "fifteen days to publicly show its commitment to the peace process and the political settlement of the Corsican question". Although both M Allegrini and M Savelli were freed, the terrorist

attacks began that evening. In January, the movement had called a three-month truce to signal its wish for negotiations. Jean-Louis Debré, the Interior Minister, has been conducting talks with various clandestine groups to bring about an end to more than 20 years of violence in Corsica.

Most Corsicans are also tiring of fratricidal warfare in the movement, and popular support for it has fallen from about 25 per cent in 1992 to 10 per cent at last year's municipal elections. But if Paris was hoping the issue might fade away, the events of last week showed that the rebels are not prepared to go quietly.

Chess-loving Karadzic outflanks West

By Eve-Ann Prentice, diplomatic correspondent, and Stacy Sullivan in banja luka

RADOVAN KARADZIC appeared to have consolidated his hold on power over the Bosnian Serbs yesterday, despite moving into the shadows and slipping further from the grasp of those who want him tried as a war criminal.

Biliana Playsic, a hardliner. took over responsibility for negotiating with the international community, and Gojko Klickovic, another extreme nationalist, was named as Prime Minister in place of a moderate favoured by the West. Dr Plavsic is expected to

continue Dr Karadzic's nationalist policies, but pushing her to the fore may decrease the pressure building in the international community to arrest Dr Karadzic and transport him to The Hague to face war crimes charges. The Bosnian Serb leader

insists that Bosnians cannot

live together after 312 years of

war and that Serbs need their

own land. That is a key issue

as thousands of refugees try to

Karadzic covld still pull the strings

The Bosnian Serb political shuffle was seen yesterday as a successful manoeuvre by the chess-loving Dr Karadzic to outflank international peace mediators trying to remove him as leader of the Bosnian tional officials argue that Mr Serb republic. Dr Karadzic engineered the replacement of Rajko Kasagic, the moderate Prime Minister fostered and radzic, his former ally, or face encouraged by Western leaders, in a pre-dawn session of

> Saturday. Carl Bildt, the senior civil-They said Dr Karadzic could still pull the strings and control Serb policy.

the Bosnian Serb assembly on

ian official in Bosnia, said yesterday that Dr Karadzic appeared to be withdrawing from "public life", although his view was not shared by other Western diplomats and officials of the Nato-led peace Implementation Force (Ifor).

The main hardline leaders of the Bosnian Serbs were meeting yesterday after Mr Bildt demanded they make a clear statement that Dr Kaweek if he had any intentions radzic had quit the leadership. The dismissal of Mr Kasagic ended weeks of power struggle in the Bosnian Serb capital, Pale, which culminat-The international commun-

ed with Mr Kasagic urging full implementation of the Dayton accords, which also call for Dr Karadzic's arrest and prosecution as a suspected war criminal. Mr Kasagic - described by one Western diplomat as a hothouse flower forced to bloom by Mr Bildt but too weak to withstand the stormy politics of Pale - was so insecure in the end that he asked for Ifor's protection.

Dr Karadzic's ousting of Mr Kasagic and his subsequent appointment of a hardliner, unlikely to stray from the will of the President, has angered opposition parties in Banja Luka that have been at odds with Dr Karadzic's hardline regime. But the mood in the northern city is anything but set against him.

When asked earlier in the

of creating a rival party or challenging Mr Karadzic, Mr Kasagic replied that he was never very interested in politics and that he was not sure what his future plans were.

ity, which urged Mr Kasagic's reinstatement and called his removal a "coup against the Dayton agreement", has now agreed to recognise the new Prime Minister. Although there is a rift between hardliners in Pale

and the more moderate leadership in Bania Luka, residents in the northern stronghold said they still support Dr Karadzic as their leader. ☐ Belgrade: The Bosnian Serb general, Djordje Djukic, freed by the United Nations war crimes tribunal in The Hague last month because of ill health, died of cancer at the

weekend. The tribunal said on

his release the charges against

him should remain in

tained a large apartment in

'Iron Lady' of Bosnia made foe of Milosevic

By Eve-Ann Prentice and Dessa Trevisan

BILJANA PLAVSIC, appointed by Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, to take over his dealings with the international community, is a virulent hardliner known as the "Iron Lady of the Bosnian

The unmarried biology professor, who sees herself as the epitome of *Velika Srpkinja* — Greater Serbian Woman -- is uncompromising in her mission to promote the Bosnian Serb cause. Even Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian leader widely seen as having fomented the war, sees her as an extremist, and said that she needed psychiatric treatment. He never forgave her for refusing to shake hands when he visited Pale in 1993 in a snub captured by television. or for her campaign against the Vance-Owen peace plan, which he had backed.

Dr Plavsic, who had main-

the Serbian capital, Belgrade, was effectively banished from Serbia henceforth, while Mira Markovic, Mr Milosevic's wife, launched a series of vitriolic attacks against the

A formidable, stylish, greying blonde in her late fifties, Dr Plavsic joined Dr Karadzic's Serb Democratic Party and was elected to the Bosnian collective presidency in November 1991. She frequently told Bosnia's Muslims before war broke out that "it is pleasant to live with Serbs, but difficult to wage war on them".

Dr Plavsic shares many similarities with Dr Karadzic both speak English, taught at Sarajevo University and are regular churchgoers and dedicated anti-Communists.

After her appointment, Dr Playsic said her priority was to implement the Dayton agreement.

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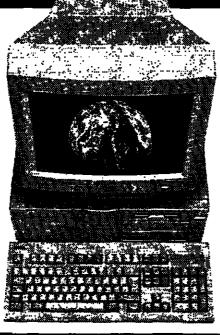
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Russian migrants set for kingmaking role in Israeli poll

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL'S next Prime Minister and the future of the fragile Middle East peace process may well be decided on May 29 by more than 600,000 Russian immigrants - many of whom neither eat kosher nor speak Hebrew - who are led by the former Soviet Jewish dissident, Natan Jewish d Sharansky.

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Ten years after he walked to freedom across Berlin's Gleinicke Bridge after serving 13 years in Soviet jails. Mr Sharansky is set to be a pivotal influence in the general elec-

Jews from the former Soviet Union now constitute one in six of Israel's population. Opinion polls show that a great many intend to vote for the new party, Israel Bealiya, formed and led by Mr Sharansky, who has settled in Jerusalem with his two daughters and wife, Avital.

For years Mr Sharansky, 48, who was freed in an East-West prisoner exchange, shunned politics. He has decided to join the campaign at a crucial juncture for Israel's relations with its Arab neighbours. "When you see that you have reached some limits in which you can bring change, and without entering politics you cannot continue, you do

Many commentators believe that because the race Labour Prime Minister, and



Binyamin Netanyahu, the right-wing Likud leader, is so close, the Russian vote may prove decisive. It did in 1992 when dissatisfaction among the new Soviet immigrants with living conditions helped Yitzhak Rabin, the then Labour leader, to defeat Yitzhak Shamir, the incumbent Likud Prime Minister.

Mr Peres, a four-time election loser who is narrowly ahead in opinion polls, has taken time off to learn Russian so he can address the new immigrants in their native

tongue.

This imaginative piece of political spadework appeared to reap dividends when Mr Peres recently took to the hustings in the provincial town of Yokneam, where a quarter of the 11,000 residents are of Soviet background.

The Prime Minister promised to fight discrimination when one man complained that native Israelis see migrant Russian women as ei- civil marriages, and public

ther prostitutes or massage parlour workers. Mr Sharansky has pointedly avoided taking sides. He says that he will start coalition talks with whoever is elected. With Labour and Likud running neck-and-neck in the contest for the 120 Knesset seats, the immigrants' party -which is likely to return between four and six deputies -

could emerge as kingmaker. Mr Sharansky, who has strong views about linking further peace moves with the Arabs to guarantees of human rights and democratisation, says he will join any leader who makes immigration and cultural absorption a priority.

He also appears determined to break down the vestiges of a socialist Israeli economy. The political price he will be demanding for his support will be an improved level of education that will make Israel attractive enough to secure the arrival of another million Jews from the former Soviet Union by the year 2001. The pain and problems of

Russian immigrants are closely connected with the deep social and spiritual crisis in Israeli society," he said. Israel had to become more than a haven for the world's Jews, it had to attract them, he added. Other elements of his programme focus on civil liber-

ties, and include a promise to

fight for secular burials and



Binyamin Netanyahu, the opposition Likud leader, talks to Eliyahu Bakshi-Doron, the chief Sephardic rabbi, at a seminary meeting in Jerusalem

transport on the Jewish sabbath and numerous religious holidays. The party will also fight against the bureaucratic obstacles facing anyone who wants to convert to Judaism.

Many Soviet immigrants hope that by splitting their vote between Mr Peres and Mr Sharansky's party, they will prevent too many compromises being made to the Palestinians. "People are afraid the land will be returned because in Russia there was a lot of land and here land is limited," said Slava Primisler owner of a chain of stores catering for Russians.



Sharansky: has avoided

Lebanon clash threatens truce

By Christopher Walker

TENSION was high at the border between Israel and Lebanon yesterday as Israel rejected charges by Syria and the Iranian-backed Hezbollah that its troops had violated the ceasefire deal that halted Operation Grapes of Wrath three weeks ago.

The accusations of a breach in the shaky accord, brokered by Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, came after a Lebanese civilian became the first to be wounded by Israeli gunners since the deal was struck. Last night diplomats were waiting to see if Hezbollah would respond

The latest flare-up occurred after a skirmish yesterday morning inside Israel's socalled security zone in southern Lebanon. Two members of a Hezbollah souad were killed and an Israeli soldier was

by resuming its rocket barrage

into northern Israel.

wounded, the seventh since the ceasefire. Syrian and Lebanese offici-

als said Israel responded to the attack with tank fire, wounding a housewife. Under the deal, both sides had pledged not to attack civilians. Israel claimed again that Hezboliah had sheltered its units in civilian areas.

Diplomats said a tit-for-tat spiral could badly hurt the electoral chances of Shimon Peres, the Prime Minister.

Top Miami prosecutor quits over claims he bit stripper

SOUTH Florida's top public prosecutor has resigned amid allegations that he bit the arm of a topless dancer in a Miami

His departure was hurriedly announced hours before Bob Dole, the Republican presidential candidate, was due in town at the weekend, with a new campaign theme attacking the moral values of President Clinton's judicial appointees. Only last week Mr Dole questioned the conduct of US attorneys in Arizona and California.

Kendall Coffey, the US at-torney for Miami, who headed one of the nation's largest and busiest legislative districts. has admitted to a night of heavy drinking, but denies biting the blonde stripper. His resignation came a day after reports that he was under internal investigation by the Justice Department over the

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

ill-fated trip to Lipstik, an adult entertainment club in Miami.

Mr Coffey visited the club in February, a new days after losing a major drug-trafficking trial. Upset over the defeat. he allegedly bought a \$900 (E592) magnum of champagne and requested a "table dance". performed in a booth for highpaying customers.

During the session. Mr Coffey allegedly struggled with the stripper and bit her on the arm, before being bundled out of the club by bouncers.

The alleged bite hit the papers on the eve of Mr Dole's campaign swing through Florida. Republican aides were getting ready to exploit the complaint by the dancer, whose stage name is Tiffany, as an issue in this year's

election campaign. The latest bizarre sex tale

reads like a scene from a Carl Hiaasen bestseller. In his most recent novel, Strip Tease soon to be released as a film starring Burt Reynolds and Demi Moore — a prominent Democratic Party politician is

The author joked that Mr Coffey stole from the script. although he says his fictional characters tend to be more discreet. "Not even in fiction could somebody be so dumb. At least in my novel, the horny politician had the brains to wear a disguise."

caught misbehaving in a local

strip joint.

Mr Coffey's colleagues were full of praise for the popular prosecutor. "He's absolutely the best US attorney that I've encountered in my 25 years on the job," said Bonni Tischler. head of Customs in Miami. "It's a real tragedy to lose him. 'I've always found him to be a real gentleman.

get lesson in pseudo science

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

A NEW YORK University physicist, appalled by trendy left-wing scholarship, has hoaxed a leading academic journal into publishing a spoof full of pseudo-intellectual gobbledygook.

The article, "Transgressing the Boundaries: Toward a Transformative

Hermeneutics of Quantum Gravity", appeared month in Social Text, a journal that helped to invent the growing field of Cultural Studies

The journal's editors and readers might never have known they had been hoodwinked had Alan Sokal, the author, not revealed his deception in Lingua Franca. a magazine widely read by

"While my method was satirical, my motivation is utterly serious," Professor Sokal wrote. "What concerns me is the proliferation, not just of nonsense and sloppy thinking per se, but of a particular kind of nonsense and sloppy thinking: one that denies the existence of objective realities."

The hoax provides rare humour in the bitterly serious culture wars raging among American academics. Science's traditional quest for the absolute has come under attack from left-wing intellectuals seeking to deconstruct

scientific truths. Professor Sokal, 41, describes himself as a "leftist and a feminist". But he became alarmed about the critique of science that prevailed in many Cultural Studies de-

The turning point came when he read Higher Superstition: The Academic Left and its Quarrel with Science, by Norman Levitt and Paul Gross, which exposes the modish thinking of many

Rather than write a detailed refutation, Professor Sokal set out to parody the Cultural Studies movement by assembling an article from the silliest quotes about science that he could find. The piece contained such pearls as: " . the pi of Euclid and the G of Newton, formerly thought to he constant and universal, are now perceived in their incluctable historicity and the putative observer becomes fatally de-centred, disconnected from any epistemic link to a spacetime point".

But Stanley Aronowitz, a sociologist and director of the Centre for Cultural Studies at the City University of New York who co-founded the journal, called Professor Sokal ill-read and half-educated. "He says we're epistemic relativists." he howled in The New York Times. "We're not. He got it wrong."

Academics | Teenage mothers challenge \$500m will

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

A VAST fortune left to medical research may instead be split between three

Polynesian children. The peculiar tale of Larry Hillblom's will began last year when his private plane crashed without trace in the Pacific near his adopted island home of Saipan. Mr Hillblom, founder of the international courier firm DHL, appeared to leave his \$500 million (£330 million) estate to charity. But by Saipan law his will did not rule out the claims of three children

whose mothers say he is their father. The state of California, whose five main

teaching hospitals stand to earn \$25 million a year from the bequest, is taking on Julie Cuartero and Mercedez Feliciano, who are both 16, and Kaelini Kinney, 28. The state must also confront a mole removed from Mr Hillblom's face after an accident in 1993 and unaccountably preserved in wax. Lawyers for the women say it contains crucial genetic evidence. The women all once worked as nude "lap dancers" in Saipan, an American possession and island resort in the Northern Marianas group. All have signed sworn affidavits saying Mr-Hillblom paid them for sex and fathered their children. One child is now aged 12, and two are one year old.

Mr Hillblom married none of the three women and acknowledges no paternity liabilities in his will, but lawyers for his estate recently offered Ms Kinney, the oldest of the three women, a \$17 million out-of-court settlement. It was declined. Under Saipan law the entire fortune would pass to the businessman's children if he could be shown to have been aware of their existence. Their case may be strengthened later this month when the mysterious mole is genetically tested at a laboratory near San Francisco. One omen may reassure their opponents, however: the test will be performed by the DNA analyst who failed to make any impact on O.J. Simpson's jury.



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■ THEATRE Zoë Wanamaker plays a dog in the new A.R. Gurney comedy at the

Apollo, Sylvia

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DANCE

Belgian choreographer Wim Vandekeybus opens a festival of international dance at The Place **OPENS: Tomorrow REVIEW: Thursday**



MUSICAL

The Deadwood Stage rolls into London, as Calamity Jane comes to Sadler's Wells **OPENS:** Thursday **REVIEW: Saturday**



■ POP

after a solo career: Judith Durham serenades the Festival Hall GIG: Thursday **REVIEW: Saturday**

The curator hatches his egg

Richard Kendall tells Isabel Carlisle about the labour of love that brought

Degas to the National Gallery

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t is, says guest curator Richard Kendall, a "dream exhibition the one I most wanted to do". In Degas: Beyond Impressionism, which opens at the National Gallery on Wednesday, he has been able to focus on the end of Degas' career, when he moved away from Impressionism towards an almost obsessive concentration on just a few themes female nudes, bathers and ballet

It has been a five-year voyage of discovery for Kendall. "Quite early on it emerged that, for the public, this was an almost unknown area of Degas' art," he says. "One reason is that there is no singular major collection of his late work; instead it is scattered among private collectors and museums." In ad-

dition, many of those museums had the works in storage or on restricted display because of the danger of exposing the pastel works to high light levels. "A number of the works have not been exhibited at all since Degas' death." he adds.

Degas' art ? When these late works emerged from Degas' studio after his death in 1917, to be sold in a famous series of auctions, they were considered odd, even unattractive. Certainly they were unlike the Degas that had exhibited with the Impressionists up until 1886. Major museums seeking to acquire a Degas for their collection mainly avoided these experimental works, but the National Gallery bought what is one of the major works of this show, Combing the Hair, an oil painting dominated by different tones of orange-red.

Women combing their own hair, or having it combed for them by a maid, is one of the themes to which a whole room of the Sainsbury wing exhibition space is devoted. When planning a show the curators normally draw up a series of loan requests based on key works that will encourage other lenders and give a structure to the exhibition. In the case of Degas: Beyond Impressionism, Kendall conceived the exhibition around groups of works. He and his fellow curators, John Leighton of the National Gallery and Douglas Druick of the Art Institute of Chicago (to which the show will travel), knew that unless they secured five or more loans for each group it would fall apart.

Because the contents of Degas' studio were photographed for the 1918 and 1919 auction catalogues, Kendall knew of the existence of a pastel closely related to Combing the Hair. To have the pastel in the show would make an important point about how Degas worked "in series", altering a composition only slightly but changing the colours dramatically. It would also demonstrate Degas experimenting with the effect of medium on mood: while the pastel is dry and brittle, the oil is grand and

expansive.
"But no one knew where the pastel was," Kendall says. "It had last been seen in public 40 years ago, when it was sold by a dealer in New York. I wrote to all my colleagues, and to dealers and galleries, but drew a blank. Then, six months ago, I mentioned the pastel to a curator in America who said: 'I know where it is; it's hanging in an apartment that I

visit regularly and I'll ask the owner if you can borrow it'."

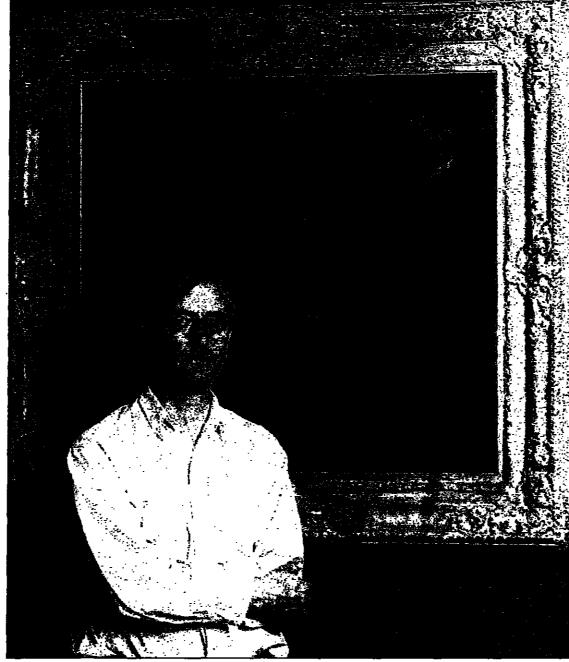
Now the two works are hanging side by side in the National Gallery for the first time since they were in Degas' studio. Because pastels or

charcoal often on tracing paper (a meth-od that Degas used to build up his se-quences), formed such

a large part of the "wanted" list, the problem of whether these were safe to travel, and how to transport them, had to be solved early on. Unless the surface of these powdery media has been "fixed" by the artist there is a danger that particles will be dislodged in travel. Where there was an element of doubt Kendall and Harriet Stratis in Chicago examined the works on paper to see if they were safe to include among the loans.

In addition, the National Gallery, working with the Art Institute of Chicago, devised a special "case within a case" for transporting pastels that would minimise vibra tion. Two specially made pastel and charcoal drawings, one fixed, the other unfixed, went to Frankfurt and back while a device inside the special case measured the joits and bumps. The Norton Simon Museum in Pasadena, California, which has one world but normally never lends, was so reassured by the results that it agreed to let their After the Bath go to both London and Chicago.

Kendall and Stratis discovered that where the pastels had been fixed they were as strong as oil paintings, if not stronger. They also found out more about Degas' technique — the fact that he built up his pastels in different layers of colour, fixing each layer as he went, an effect that makes the colours zing and glow in a way



Richard Kendall hopes Degas: Beyond Impressionism "will delight modernists as much as lovers of 19th-century art", and points to the similarities between the great Frenchman and, of all people, Picasso

Degas himself described as "orgies of

Because the colours are so strong, and because these works were entirely created in the studio, Kendall was keen to recreate the deep chestnut colour of Degas' studio walls. The effect is extraordinary; as Kendall says: "It makes the works on paper jump out."

But the first room of the show, The Years of Transition, and one other room - in which Kendall proposes that Degas used his sculptures as models for his paintings — are painted blue-grey. In the first room I wanted to let people orientate themselves with the familiar Degas, and then experience the contrast in the later rooms." The dark sculptures, modelled in wax but cast in bronze.

would have been lost against dark

One of Kendall's aims has been to give a sense of Degas as a 20thcentury artist. He hopes that the exhibition "will delight modernists as much as lovers of 19th-century art". Interestingly, it turns out that where there are late Degas works in private hands those collectors tend to be enthusiasts for 20th-century art. "Until 1912 Degas worked in Montmartre, a few yards from the Bateau-Lavoir where Cubism was developed in his lifetime," Kendall says. "Bon-nard had a studio down the road and in 1902 Picasso had an exhibition five

doors away from Degas. "Degas' late work is that of a daring colourist making alarming technical sorties, and it belongs in

this context of early modernism. Although he is making timeless statements about the human body the objects themselves are radical. tough, demanding and unglamorous in the way that we associate with early Picasso."

Did Degas go into decline in his later years, or enter his most fertile phase? Were the experiments with radical new techniques from choice or from studio-bound necessity? Kendall does not presume to give us the answers - it is up to us to decide.

 Degas: Beyond Impressionism, spon-sored by Evian, SBC Warburg and The Times, is at the National Gallery from Wednesday until August 26. Tickets from First Call on 0171-240 0000 (booking fee)

The exhibition is reviewed tomorrow by

BUILDING

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Play Bach, again

THE man in row 21 was tapping his knee with excite-ment, Buddy Rich-style, until he noticed his neighbour glancing at him. Sheepishly, he adopted the sober expression that people are supposed to wear in a concert hall.

Jacques Loussier's soupedup Bach often has that effect. It may be socially acceptable to smile knowingly whenever his Hamlet cigar theme comes on television, but everyone knows, deep down, that there is something vulgar about grafting jazz syncopations onto the Italian Concerto. Even if it sounds rather good.

Of course, Loussier does not try to compete with Glenn Gould. Nor does he describe himself as a true jazz improviser. What he has produced falls between the two camps, antagonises both sets of critics, and usually ends up being

dismissed as lucrative Muzak. He makes his detractors' task easier by handing out the same lollipops at every concert - even he must be bored with Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring. Out later this year is a recording of that little-known work, The Four Seasons.

JAZZ

Jacques Loussier Festival Hall

But jazz groups could learn from his careful dynamics and robust tempo changes in the D minor Concerto. Too many contemporary improvisers, for all their technical sophistication, are locked into predictable formats.

In its own sedate way Loussier's music is a throw back to the days of Jelly Roll Morton, a player who under-stood the importance of structure. Jelly Roll, who enjoyed spinning variations on Verdi's Miserere, would probably have enjoyed the luxuriant treatment of the Pastorale.

He would have been less enthusiastic about André Arpino's extended drum solos, some of which seem to have wandered in from a Yes concert. But bassist Vincent Charbonnier brings a degree of sophistication to the group.

CLIVE DAVIS

Czechs and balances

PREPARING himself to play the Elgar concerto with the Prague Symphony Orchestra in Symphony Hall. Raiph Kirshbaum was clearly con-cerned that his cello might not be securely grounded in front of him. Sure enough, at the beginning of the last movement it twice slipped away from him, which meant that the performance twice had to be restarted and, worse, that he was visibly and audibly distracted.

It was particularly unfortunate because, apart from some imperfectly integrated detail in the Allegro molto, it had been an uncommonly accomplished and sensitive interpre-

The orchestra seemed to be taken by surprise also at an early stage in the first movement, where the violas and then the cellos found themselves exposed and faltering. In Dvořák's Wild Dove there was no such uncertainty. Jiri Belohlavek secured a finely balanced and delicately coloured performance of one of Dvořák's most poetic scores.

If he was less successful in demonstrating the inspiration of another of the late sym-

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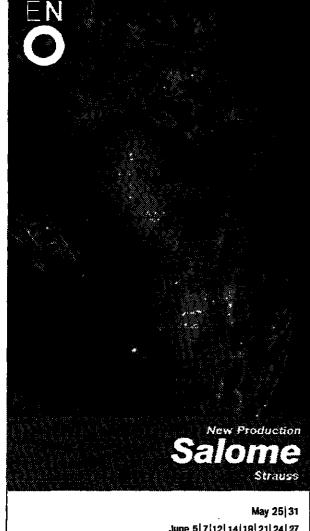
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phonic poems, The Noonday Witch, it was not so much because of the interpretation as of the composer's heavy reliance on the story on which the work is based: without a knowledge of Karel Erben's Polednice the audience was at a disadvantage.

Martinu's Fantaisies Symphoniques is more a concerto for conductor and orchestra than a symphony. Without concerning them-selves overmuch with the structure of the three movements — each of which comes to an end for no better reason than that it does not go on -Belohlavek and the PSO sustained Martinu's characteristically taut textures while alighting most gracefully on his captivating but sparingly distributed melodic lines.

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Lust at the double

UNDER Jonathan Church's direction, the Playhouse has acquired a taste for twinning plays. Coupling Educating Rita and Oleanna. radically different takes on women students and their male profs, was rather inspired. Now Church is offering The Rover, the Restoration comedy by Aphra Behn, our first professional female dramatist. That is the one about swashbuckling British blokes abroad. docking for carnival time in Naples, wenching with women who are out cruising too, equally lustily.

This play was famously revived by John Barton for the RSC in 1986. Barton's now standard version pruned many lines and grafted on others. Church's production returns to the original text and brings to light some amusing forgotten lines, about the idiot Blunt hailing from Essex and

The Rover is joined by The Banished Cavaliers or The Rover, Part II. Behn's sequel has not been seen for years. The double-bill is bold programming. Unfortunately, it isn't so exciting in execution.

Rover II, with Willmore's spunky sweetheart Hellena dead and the rogue two-timing again in Madrid, allured by a second whore, has a sprawling, scrappy plot. Niki Turner's traverse stage design introduces simple elegance,

The Rover/ The Banished **Cavaliers** Salisbury

but it is gloomy and roomy. The revellers look lost and the

urst's Willmore, grinning

Still, the company rises plastered against the wall by skirmishing late-night ravers, wailing — and no wonder that he has lost his moveables.

fun is lacklustre. Casting is the fundamental problem. Can Robert Bath-

slightly inanely, really be tak-ing the ladies by storm? It's a bit like Richard Briers playing Casanova. Zoe Aldrich is fine as the marriageable romantic heroine Florinda, beloved of Willmore's decent friend Belvile, but Behn's harlots exude little erotic heat. The dark heart of the play, with Florinda repeatedly nearly raped by Belvile's best mates, could be more disturbing.

occasionally to some amusing farce. The foppish twit Fetherfool of Croydon (Paul Slack) has a terrifically silly pillow fight, ending up dangling from a balcony, roughly

KATE BASSETT

CLASSICAL CHOICE

A guide to the best available recordings. presented in conjunction with Radio 3

TILL EULENSPIEGEL by David Nice

Richard Strauss first thought of enlisting Till Eulenspiegel, 14th-century mocker of hypocritical society. as the hero of a one-act opera. What emerged was a 15minute tone poem, packing five of Till's exploits into musical form.

It is possible to treat the

work as "pure music"; but that is to miss enjoying the characterisations. No one toys more vividly with the drama and the danger than Wilhelm Furtwängler. One of his performances, recorded live in the 1930s and issued on Koch International (37073-2), begins with a disastrous account of the famous horn solo; it goes on to relish both the sprightly and the spiteful sides of our hero. Furtwängler's studio recording with the Vienna Philharmonic (EMI CDH 5 65197seems relatively selfconscious compared with the

Berlin Philharmonic in 1954 (Tahra FURT 1008/11), Perhaps more charming is

Berlin Philharmonic (Sony SK 52565, £14.95). Taking the score at a crackling pace. Abbado's operatic story still leaves room for the solos to make their mark.

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Lawyers and outlaws tangle as Richard Gere sets the screen ablaze in Primal Fear OPENS: Friday REVIEW: Thursday



OPERA

Kristine Ciesinski sings the title-role in the new ENO staging of Salome at the Coliseum **OPENS: Saturday** REVIEW: Next week



BOOKS

The prayer's the thing: Thomas Cranmer is the subject of a new biography IN THE SHOPS: Now REVIEW: Thursday

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MANCHESTER Opera North begins a week's residency at the Palace Theatr with Mozar's effervescent comedy The Martiage of Figure (tongth; Wochesday), Phylida Lloyd's production of Puccnit's La Bohome romonow. Thusday, Gerhard's come masterplace The Duenna (Finday) and, on Saturday, a new production of Medica, Cherubon's powerful tragedy Palace. Ordord Street (0161-242/2503) All performances are st 7 (5pm. §)

OPERA: Rodney Milnes on the opening of Glyndebourne; plus, young singers



The "perfectly horrifying" death by lethal injection of Theodora (Dawn Upshaw) and Didymus (David Daniels), as conceived by Peter Sellars

Happy to be provoked

Theodora

Glyndebourne

High hopes and top notes

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his French before joining

WNO as Remendado in

Carmen. At least he sings

words clearly, whatever the

language: his tone is pleasing-

ly free and clear, and he is a

natural creature of the stage.

Donizetti's Maria Padilla, has

a strong, Sutherland-style

Lorna Rushton, who sang

The threatened "scandal" failed to materialise. Peter Sellars's production of The Magic Flute in 1990 occasioned the first booing at Glyndebourne, and it was feared that his radical moderndress interpretation of Handel's oratorio might be equally provocative. Provocative it was, but in the most positive way, and after a few moments of stunned silence it was greeted with boundless enthusiasm on Friday. The silence was tribute to the overwhelming power of Handel's sombre, profoundly spiritual music-drama, and it was heart-warming to witness one of his own favourite works - an abject failure in 1750 and infrequently performed since - being taken to the collective heart of an audience today.

The plot is simple. In 4th-century Antioch the Christian Theodora refuses to honour Jupiter in celebration of the Emperor's birthday, and sentenced to serve as a prostitute in the Daniels (Didymus) depict a love not so Temple of Venus; the Roman soldier much born as acknowledged in adver-

THE National Opera Studio's annual Showcases are the thinking man's operatic galas: a juicy selection of opera's her mellifluous partner), and greatest hits, but designed to show off the cream of today's postgraduate singers. Rodney Milnes writes. And the ten singers will probably never again perform to an audience like this one, which included the bosses of all the UK companies, festival directors, casting consultants from around the world, agents,

even the odd critic. Margo Campbell launched the evening with the love duet from Tosca (Terje Andersen

escape by changing clothes with her in prison: he is condemned to death, and she volun-

tarily joins him in martyrdom. Around this central situation is woven a web of further relationships: Didymus's with his superior officer Septimius (a quasisympathetic voice of "reason" taking the middle ground between the uncompromising stances of Romans and Christians), and Theodora's with her cousin Irene, keeper of the Christian conscience. Handel's observation through the chorus - of group psychology in a minority under threat is astonishingly acute.

There is much heavy breathing in Thomas Morell's libretto about "a fate worse than death", the first sighting. surely, of this peculiar concept. This creepiness is successfully defused by the tenderness with which Sellars, Didymus, who loves her, effects her sity. The clothes swapping, potentially

so embarrassing, was infinitely touching, and their love-death as stirring as Wagner.

The double execution was by lethal injection, which could have caused the scandal. In the event, it was so unsensationally staged, showing the lovers' lives ebbing away during their final duet, as to be at once inoffensive and perfectly horrifying.

Apart from the synchronised arm movements that are a Sellars trademark, his handling of the Christian chorus was faultless. I wondered whether portraying the Romans as lager louts was not overloading the dice a little; the hedonist Handel was rather more even-handed. And the Roman President's opening press conference, complete with cardiac arrest and resuscitation by paramedics while hilariously funny - gets the o off to an odd start within the spare frozen elegance of President Valens. George Tsypin's set, Sellars treats one of the greatest music-dramas written to

an English text with proper reverence. Musically the evening is virtually beyond criticism. Praise first to the chorus, who have learnt a lot of extremely difficult music and sing it superbly, making a palpable differenti-ation in sound between their Roman and Christian personas. William Christie, his pacing persuasively judged apart from some over-lugubrious rallentandos, draws playing of great finesse from the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment

Upshaw's purity of sound is wellsuited to the title role, and even more remarkable than Daniels's free, unfalsetto-ish tone is his musicianship: he sang with breathtaking insight. Irene gets many of the best numbers, and Lorraine Hunt, her vibrant tone reminiscent of Kathleen Ferrier, poured her heart and soul into them Richard Croft handled Septimius's florid music with and Frode Olsen had fun as

One of Glyndebourne's great evenings, without a doubt.

finale of La finta giardiniera was given — he will with luck discover that less means more. (Production values, despite Craig Givens's cunning set. leading chin (good news), and sported a Sutherland-style wig

were not especially good.) Heather Shipp and Kerrie Shepherd did excellently in the big duet from Donizetti's Siege of Calais - both should be in the sights of manage-

ments casting in this field.

All benefited from the exceptionally well-judged accompa niments from Roy Laughlin and the Bournemouth Sinfonietta. If I ran an opera house, I would engage Laughlin to

LONDON

FUND-RAISER Three conductors — san Edwards, James Blar and Martyn Brabbins — mount the restrum todeph to conduct the Young Musicians' Symphony Orchestra in the Musicians Benovatori Fund 75th Brithday Concert. Johnny them are the panist Joanna MacGregor. The soprano Lesley Garrett, Django Bales and Human Chan, and the Toy Symphony Ensemble Highlights include Dukac's The Societies's Apprehice and Django Bales's Mer Yori. New York Feetival Half, South Bank, SEI (0171-960 4242) Tonight, 7 30pm (§)

AT THE TATE. This year's New Displays, the gallery's rotation of its permanent collection, opons today Highlights include five new acquisitions of "Tustor and Stuert Pantarig", works by Reynolds, Gamsborough and Fuselin "The Age of Confidence" and several canvases by Constable under "Aspects of Naturalism". The centenary of John Everett Milas's death is commemorated in a single room deplay, and a number of galleries will be showing works from the Freighter Foundation Collection, including work by Carl Andrie Gerhard Richter and Sigmar Polite Tate Gallery, Milbank, SM1 (0171-827 8000) Mon-Saf, 10am-5 50pm (Q. SYLVIA: Sarange, romantic comech by AT THE TATE. This year's New

SYLVIA: Strange, romantic comedy by A.R. Gurney, with Robin Ellis as a Wall Street trader, Mana Atkan as his wife

CHAPTER TWO: Tom Corts and Sharon Gless play unattached New Yorkers whiting lowards each other in Neil Smon's comedy. Not his best Gleigud, Shatlesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5065) Mon-Fri, Born; Sal. 8 15pm; mais Thurs 3pm, Sal 5pm

Di ELMS: Spritted revival of the 20-year-old tribute show P.J. Proby plays the Vegas Eins and Tim Whitnell plays the Pelvis in his prime Posturely no emphasis on the late-night gorging Prince of Wales, Coventy Street, W1 (0.171-439 5972) Mon-Thurs Bpm; Fri and Sat, 5:30 and 8:30pm

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JULIUS CAESAR. Christopher Benjamin pleys the colossus, with John Nettles and Julian Glover (Brutus and Cassnus) snapping at his heels in Peter Half's production from last year's Street, EC2 (0171-638) 8891) Now previewing, 7 15pm. Opens May 23, 7pm. Then in rep. (2)

IT MIND MILLIE FOR ME' Felicity Kendal plays the cocotte in Peter Hall's production of Feydeau that goes for the pain in the story, ie not so much list whiter.

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TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to aris and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

and Zoo Wenemoker as the stray dog (Sylvia) he finds in Central Park, Michael Blakemore directs Apollo, Staffesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070) Opens Jonight, 7pm Then Mon-Fn 8pm; mat Thurs 3pm, Sat Spm and 8 15pm

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LONDON GALLERIES Barbican: Eve Arnold in Renospect (0171-638 4141) British Museum Jayama Marazo (0171-636 1555) Llewellyn Alexander Godhey Tonks (0171-630 1322) Royal Academy Gustave Calilebone (0171-429 7438) Serpentine: Langiands and Bell 40 sculptines (0171-723 9072) V & A William Morris (0171-938 8500) E SOME SUNNY DAY Martin Sharman's new play, set in Cairo in 1942, where the Brits are reduced to Issue, where the brits are reduced to stiff-ipped penic and wife-murder Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (0171-722 9301) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mai Sat. 4pm. Until June 1 (5)

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In praise of plagues

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EPIC catastrophe stories featuring ingenious but evil strains of bacteria and viruses making bids for world domination have filled the pages of the health and medical press over the past year.

Recent events have not alleviated concerns. The death of an Oxford don from malaria has turned the spotlight on the emergence of resistant strains of the disease. Barely a month goes by without news of an epidemic gripping a hospital, or a supposedly extinct disease making a comeback.

Now another book is about to join the fold, but its tone and perspective are radically different. Plagues, says Christo-pher Wills in his book of the same name, have been around as long as mankind, and they play a vital part in shaping

our world. He argues that the terrifying vari-ety of bugs and There are things to germs is merely a great diversity of alarm us life on this planet. As we multiply, so but the do the pathogens (any organisms world is disease) which feed on us. not ending' And he maintains it is unlikely that a rogue bug will get

the better of us. After the rash of almost hysterical books on the same subject, Professor Wills is aware he is adopting a lonely stance. "I offer an opposing view," he admits. "There are all sorts of things we should be alarmed about but the world is not going to end. Provided we keep our wits about us we should be all right. Look at smallpox — we wiped the disease out, which was an amazing achievement."

He is very keen not to be seen as playing down the seriousness of outbreaks, but insists the human race is not going to be turned into "piles of mush". What about the Ebola virus, which apparently did turn its unfortunate victims to mush?

Ebola is actually very difficult to catch. The problem was to the plagues and pestilence that relatives were handling corpses, and coming into contact with bodily fluids. When they were prevented from doing that, the cycle of infection was broken," he says.

Coming from a biologist, this sounds like cold common sense. But why should we believe him? His credentials are sound - a PhD from the University of California at tions to spread.

Berkeley, a professorship in biology at its San Diego campus and membership of its Centre for Molecular Genetics. But another reason why his thesis is compelling is because it rests on one of the most revered scientific theories of our time - evolution.

Genetic diversity in human beings has evolved to protect us against marauding pathogens, which include viruses, bacteria, protozoa (single-cell organisms) and worms. This diversity means that some people are genetically better designed to fend off certain diseases than others. If vulnerable individuals are in a minority, they can "hide" from the pathogen among the more resistant majority. Professor Wills calls this

concept "genetic herd immunity". Each pathogen can attack only a few, genetically susceptible unfortferret them out from the herd. These difficulties, he says, usually prevent any one disease from raging through a population. Safety lies in the diversity that evolution makes

Such a theory is not easy to test, but Professor Wills came close by peering into the Panamanian rainforest, and its hundreds of tree species. A large diversity in species (and none dominant) within any given area meant pathogens were kept in check. But if a species became dominant, it shone like a beacon, attracting a pathogen capable of attacking it and so curbing its dominance.

He notes that evolving pathogens force a species to evolve to survive, and thus plagues are a natural factor in the development of complex ecosystems. He cites this delicate balance between pathogen and host as a forceful argument against environmental interference.

The same reasoning applies which affect human beings. There was no need until recently to survive in dirty. crowded conditions such as refugee camps," he says, citing the appalling waves of cholera and dysentery which swept through refugee camps spawned by the civil war in Rwanda. These diseases took advantage of unusual condi-



A girl in Kikwit, Zaire, tries to protect herself from the Ebola virus, which spread as families handled their dead

The epidemics were swiftly controlled by simple sanitation measures. The fact that history is littered with such plagues proves to Professor Wills that we can deal with future disasters, although exploding populations, growing poverty and our invasion of remote corners of the globe bringing us into contact with new pathogens - mean we

may be in for a rough ride. His book also highlights the threat from disease as greater than ever before. The first is the prevalence of rapid communications and monitoring bodies such as the World Health Organisation. News travels fast these days.

The other, ironically, has arisen from our success at eradicating "easy" diseases those which can be vanquished by antibiotics or mass vaccination. For the most part, we no longer succumb to them. According to Professor Wills, this has made time for other, more intractable diseases, such as Aids and tuberculosis, to emerge.

ven in this case, he sees light where others see darkness educating people to change their sexual habits, he effect on the spread of Aids. This will give scientists time to develop an effective weapon

Which brings us to another moot point. Can medicine keep up with elever pathogens? "We have no choice but to keep developing new drugs to cope with new pathogens, but we also must look at things

at a more fundamental level," Professor Mills says.

Malaria is one scourge against which biologists are hoping to pit their wits by using fundamental research, and the book documents with vigour the historical battle against the disease. Malaria, which kills two million people every year, is caused by a protozoan called plasmodium, which dines on red blood cells.

"It is about as complicated was sequenced recently," says Professor Wills. "This means that we should soon be able to look in detail at its genes, to see which ones control infection and transfer.

Although he accepts the great human misery that plagues cause, his aura of optimism never seems to diminish. On the day I spoke to him, the International Herald Tribune carried news of the worst ever outbreak of bacterial meningitis in West Africa. The estimated death toll over

three months was 10,000. He seemed aghast at the outbreak but, at the same time, pragmatic. "It is in the Third World, it has an exploding population, and deficiencies in nutrition, sanitation and water are widespread."

The remark is a chilling echo of his written prophecy on page 20: "Our species was not wiped out by its diseases in the past, and it will not be wiped out by them now. The world is not coming to an end ... although ... we are in for some very unpleasant and dangerous times.

 Plagues: Their origin, history and future, by Christopher Wills. HarperCollins, E20 Richard Bentall on schizophrenia

The illness that defies diagnosis

ne hundred years ago. the German psychiatrist Emil Kraepelin first described a type of mental disorder which began in late adolescence, and which he believed led to an irreversible decline in mental capacities. He called it "dementia praecox"; we know it as schizophrenia. Symptoms include hallucinations and delusions, apathy and withdrawal.

As many as one in 200 people in Britain are believed to suffer from the illness. Throughout the West vast amounts of money and effort have been poured into schizophrenia research, yet it seems as baffling today as it did to Kraepelin. Every factor known to influence human behaviour has, at one time or another, been singled out as a

Before the war, schizophrenia was thought to run in families and have a genetic

basis, but later research undermined this. In the 1950s the chance discovery that chlorpromazine, the antihistamine drug, relieved the symptoms of some patients led to speculation that schizophrenia

cal basis. Many believed that abnormalities in parts of the brain containing the neurotransmitter dopamine were responsible. No consistent support for this theory has been provided by subsequent

Psychological theories were the vogue in the 1960s and parents were blamed for the mental agonies experienced by their schizophrenic children. Again, these ideas have not been supported by more there is good evidence that a stressful family environment can prevent patients from

Most recently biological theories have implicated viruses which affect the foetal brain in subtle ways that become obvious only in adulthood. The prize for the most American psychiatrists who suggested that the schizophrenia virus might be caught from domestic cats. Apparently there is a higher incidence of schizophrenia in countries where cats are kept as pets.

The failure of this extensive research effort is very disappointing, but it is not surprising given that researchers

disagree even about the main features of the illness. Schizophrenia does not consist of a set of symptoms that are known to occur together. Kraepelin himself argued that intellectual deterioration is the main symptom of the disorder, but other researchers have emphasised autistic and withdrawn behaviour. and still others think hallucinations and delusions are the most characteristic symptoms.

Confusingly, all of the symptoms of schizophrenia also occur in other illnesses. No clear borderline has been found between schizophrenia and these other disorders, or indeed between schizophrenia and normal functioning many people experience schizophrenia symptoms such as hearing voices, but do not

seek psychiatric help. When doctors diagnose physical illnesses they do so in order to predict what will

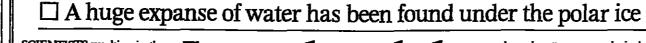
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sodes of illness. Some patients respond to neuroleptic drugs such as chlorpromazine, others benefit from lithium carbonate (the drug normally used to treat mania), and some fail to respond to any medication. All the drugs may cause unpleasant side-effects. Unfortunately, because response to medication is unpredictable, psychiatrists sometimes increase the dose, producing severe side-effects without any

The time has surely come to abandon the diagnosis of schizophrenia altogether. It does not help clinicians to decide on treatment and it has misled researchers into lumping together people with very difshould focus on what patients actually complain of - hearing voices, feeling persecuted, difficulty in speaking. In the meantime, we should seek pragmatic ways to reduce the distress of patients and their

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when drilling

In a report to a meeting of

the Antarctic Treaty nations

in Utrecht earlier this month,

SCIENTISTS working in the Antarctic are looking for ways to explore a huge lake they have found more than two miles down under the ice cap. Nearly 150 miles long by 30 miles wide, and perhaps as much as 2,000 feet deep, the water in the lake has remained undisturbed for at least half a million years, and

maybe much longer.
The water — which may be fresh or salt, nobody is surecould provide species of bacteria, algae or fungi that exist nowhere else on Earth. But getting access to them without contaminating the lake is holding up exploration. Good ideas would be welcome.

Lakes beneath the Antarctic ice-cap were first identified by echo-sounding by a team from the Scott Polar Research Institute in Cambridge, with colleagues from America and



SCIENCE BRIEFING Nigel Hawkes

tion of such a lake can have catastrophic implications". The treaty nations have agreed that none of them will go ahead

has The weight of 10,000 feet of ice lying on the water surface means

that the pressure

is enormous, so any penetration could create a gusher that would hurl the drillstring out of the hole. There is also the "severe technical problem", says Dr David Walton of the British Antarctic Survey, of sampling the lake without contaminating it

with drilling fluid. He says that Lake Vostok is the largest sub-glacial lake so far discovered, but that there are many more, perhaps 70 in all. "Water and sediments that haven't been disturbed for half a million years are of great scientific interest," he says. "We want to ensure that we don't wreck the scientific value of it."

The mystery is how the water remains unfrozen under so much ice. One possibility is that heat from the Earth's core may be seeping upwards, or maybe the sheer weight of ice prevents the water beneath it freezing. "At the moment, it's all conjecture," says Dr

Not a drop to drink, by Jove



THE planet Jupiter has astronomers scratching their heads, now that data from the Galileo probe, which

... but Jupiter is puzzlingly dry

plunged through its atmosphere on December 7, have been analysed. There simply isn't enough water there to fit the theories of how Jupiter formed. The expected clouds and high humidity did not materialise, and careful checks have shown that this was not instrument error.

The shortage of water is nuzzling because the atmosphere of Jupiter is full of methane and ammonia, believed to have been deposited there by bombardment of

debris from space, the leftovers from the formation of the solar system. But the corollary would be that if Jupiter formed this way, it would be rich in water as well and it is not. It has only a fifth as much as expected.

Theorists are now scrambling to explain where the water went. One possibility is that the probe simply entered a particularly dry part of the Jovian atmosphere, and the rest is much wetter. Another is that the missing water is frozen in the planet's rocky core, or too deep in the atmosphere for the Galileo probe to detect.

Alternatively, Jupiter may have been formed in a different way, but in that case it is hard to explain the abundance of carbon. Far from solving the problems of Jupiter, the Galieo probe seems to have complicated them.

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ohn Major, Douglas Hurd, the writer Paul

Johnson - who even

composes prayers for her plight - are just three of

the Princess of Wales's many

prominent male champions.

Their open admiration under-

lines a popular perception

that, in general, men support

her cause and that women -

older women? uglier women?

just jealous women? - don't.

But the complexion of Diana's

A peer's wife swears that

many men go weak for Diana:

"One hears men say 'I'm in love with her. I should think I

could count up at least three

who have said that. They

obviously aren't, but they'd

But as more men tire of her

- especially of her whining,

her headline-hogging, her in-

sistence on visiting her health

club in Lycra shorts while still

pleading for the cameras to go

away (does she not own a track

odd places like Panorama

interviews and operating the-

atres, her petulance over a

sighting of cellulite on her

thighs - Diana may be forced

to win more women's sympa-

thy if she is to stand any

chance of rehabilitating her

To find that it is women who may now be pivotal in shaping

her fate is a discovery that probably sits uneasily with

Diana. She is a woman whose

life has been measured out in

men - like somte famous

painting or one of those fist-

sized diamonds that get

like to think they are."

fan club may be changing.

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A makeover

for sceptics

uro-sceptics are ael Portillo. When he

worked in Central Office, Portillo's Terylene socks and too-tight suits were a running joke. Even in Gov-

ernment, he beamed from beneath an unfashionable

Then in November 1991, his aides told him that if he

wanted to walk with the big boys he could not go on

looking like a freshly-showered rugger player.

Suddenly, the country had a minister with a

swagger, a quiff and a line

painted, not woven, silk.

pudding-bowl fringe.

Philip Delves Broughton on the transforming of the Right

smartening up their act. Shamed by the billionaire's poise of Sir James Goldsmith, they are

hurling out their nerdish striped ties and viscose

shirts. Sea Island cotton

and silk foulard, highly polished shoes and broad

velvet braces, all now are

de rigueur for the thoroughly modern Europhobe. Take John Redwood, the

MP for Wokingham and former Tory leadership challenger. Once derided

as the Vulcan, the sallowskin problem in the mouse-

from heart-sink-

ing to Hermès. Redwood's

rubicund aide

de-camp, Hywel

Williams, is a

because she's been underhand in her behaviour and disloyal to the Queen and to her husband."

But Sally Feldman, the editor of Woman's Hour, says

that Diana may have as much

to teach other women as she

has to learn from them: "De-

spite her behaviour being

strangely male-dependent,

women gain interest in her the

more trauma she displays

whereas men lose it. I think

she's come a long way.
"What is fascinating is that

she represents a history of

women's health. Her interest

in natural childbirth, in fit-

ness, her eating disorders and depression — the fact that

she's been able to talk about

her feelings in an analytical

way has been really useful for

many women. She represents

to women so many different

aspects of how they can deal

with their problems, and so I

think women with problems

feel redeemed by her in a way

that men can't identify with. In

done a good deal of damage.

She's been admired and talked

about and written about, and

is now obsessed with herself.

The way she's behaved is a

matter of manners. She

doesn't have any. I can't

understand why women

would sympathise with her -

perhaps they've had bad luck that sense I think she is a

with men. I really get angry cultural phenomenon."

hair has always been perfectly in place, his double-breasted suits immaculate. He is a long way from dishevelment Nicholas Budgen. The MP for Wolverhamp-

West's lack of style, both sartorial and social, is a

ndrew Roberts, the

"Mr Cash is the excep grey and blue worsted."

grey suit, he is now a different man. The suits Jonathan Aitken, ano-ther original Euro-sceptic, have gone from grey to deep rich blues, the ties has always had a touch of the tycoon about him. His

devotee Hackett, dresser to ex-Guards officers and aristocratic younger sons. Leading the Redwoods

than his politics. A tall man, he must fold down the French cuffs on even

Pimlico.

men off to America for right-wing head-crunching

the longest shirt sleeves in order to cover his dangling, simian arms. Cash has brought plenty of Eurosceptic business to his tailor, the suitably named Redwood and Feller in

tion with his broad chalkstripes," says Mr Rowland, the owner of Redwood and Feller, who keeps a Union lack flying above the door. "Most of our Euro-sceptic clients like very conservative, classic British suits in

Pre-Goldsmith, the de-

sessions, he can make Newt Gingrich's team look distinctly dandruffy. Bill Cash, MP for Stafford, has always worn clothes of more interest

fining moment in Eurosceptic fashion was the

byword in the salons of

right-wing historian and furious fringeoperator, has a taste for hand-made shirts, though his ever-fluctuating physique rather tends to cancel out their benefits. Redwood insists on

wearing his hand-knitted cricket sweater, while in the Portillo wardrobe is said to turk a much-loved purple vellow Pringle and sweater.

Casualwear is a whole other problem, and one, possibly, even harder to cure. In the meantime, if Goldsmith contributes nothing more to the Eurosceptics cause simply by showing up Tony Mar-low's garish blazers and Teresa Gorman's pistachio twin-sets he will have done them an incalculable change that afflicted Mich-favour.

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Why Diana's future depends on women she might be facing a future in which she will be relying on quiet gracefully. I would rath-er not hear her on the telepassed from one rich pair of more who are not forgiving or hands to another over the sympathetic at all Germaine Greer describes the kindness of strangers. Diana bluntly as "extremely Why? Because it is premy There has been Diana and Joan Bakewell, who knows narcissistic". Mary Wesley says: "I find Diana extraordihow it feels to be feted for one's plain that she has not bothered too much so far about winning beauty, believes that Diana over women. Her fluttering will remain the architect of her narily irritating. I wish she'd shut up. She's a publicityown fate, "but I certainly think eyelashes are aimed at male seeker, an hysteric and has

Queen of hearts - or princess of publicity? Diana on walkabout in Wales seduces the camera while at the same time irritating half the women of Britain with her manipulation

The Princess of Wales faces a difficult battle, reports Joe Joseph

Charles, Diana and Gilbey, Diana and Hewitt, Diana and Hoare, Diana and Carling, among others. But now that she keeps saying she can do without men in her life, and even men who would once have risked treason for a tryst with Diana now content themselves with swooning from afar, she is slowly being sucked back into the folds of female society. So how do they judge

Diana is someone who is widely regarded as "a man's - someone expert at softening the hardest male heart, at winning sceptical media pundits over to her side, at seducing photographers with her instinct for what makes a front-page photo. She seems to infect other people's marriages like a disease, a woman who is still making and breaking female friendships at a rate that suggests women aren't her natural

If she is now forced to look to other women for succour, then

interviewers; her cleavage she famously pointed at Henry Kissinger: with her Pied Piper coquettish smile she lured Will Carling into her life while the ink was still drying on his marriage certificate; she wafted suspicion over Oliver Hoare, allegedly making enough phone calls to make even BT's Bob Hoskins happy.

Tomen have obviously not been blind to her ways. But being, on the whole, more understanding and more forgiving than men, are they more likely to rally round?

The novelist A.S. Byatt says her sympathy lies with "the situation, not the person ... I think most women think that she has been badly treated. But a lot of them feel that we need not go on publicly bothering about her. She should keep it would be better for her if she took a low profile. She needs to sort herself out, she seems so disturbed and unhappy.

"I think women recognise that she's very needful. She's been a pretty doll for men for so long, but pretty dolls who become difficult suddenly become irritating. Men find their enchantment with her has been ringed and they don't want that. Personally I have become more aware of how distressed she is, and I think the sooner she gives up her addiction to public opinion. the better.

The novelist Fay Weldon agrees that Diana should think twice before squandering what female sympathy she has attracted. "I certainly think there was a great deal of support from women who thought, here is a woman who has defied a whole male establishment — and good for her'. She showed that relationships were meant to exist even within the monarchy. It was a

case of woman as victim. "But she's turning out to be rather manipulative. Also, as she grows older, men stop seeing her as a sex object and see her rather more as the kind of woman you get involved with but who then turns out to have been a mistake."

> Women feel that 'we carry on -- you have to as well'

Then again, says Weldon Diana's predicament is one with which women can identily. Nevertheless, she would be ill-advised to milk this sentiment: "They feel, 'we carry on - you have to carry on, too'. A true victim has to continue to

"I wouldn't say I have respect for her," says the writer Margaret Forster, "but I do have admiration in much the same way that I have for Sara Keays. I always think that you could view Diana as a direct result of the success of feminism. She would never have had the nerve to do what she's done unless there was a feminist movement. And she wouldn't have the clout - the television interview would never have happened, for example.

"I think Diana will dictate her own future. It's amazing how she has been able to dictate the pace. She's lost what most women would hate to lose, but she's gained some control over her future."

If these women look at Diana wandering around the desert and feel they ought to be forgiving and sympathetic, up to a point, there are plenty



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Regionalism may be fashionable, but it is a curse, because small nations cannot be properly independent

ne ventures with caution into disagreement with a fellow-columnist. Replying to another column can irritate readers who missed it, and besides, Simon Jenkins is perhaps the writer I admire most in his field.

But there is no need to recapitulate his article of May 8 ("Too timid to delegate"). I need only explain that he welcomes the growe"). I need only explain ing self-confidence of "regions" in Europe. He recommends regional nationalisms as a force for decentralisation and wonders why the Conservative Party is so hostile to the

I agree that regionalism is the coming thing. I detest it. We will regret our enthusi-asm for what will prove a regressive force: untivilising, diminishing, childish.

It is ironic that so very British a writer should celebrate the charms of smaller men with meaner ideas. If Simon or I lived in Scotland we would find our horizons horribly constrained by the carping hatefulness of Scottish nationalism. Confined to Wales, we would rage against what Kim Howells,

MP, calls the pimply politics of the nation-This is the hood-merchants politics of . there. In Ireland snarl and we would be reduced to tears of whine, of frustration by the the clenched small-minded politics of both fist and the communities. outstretched And when, after Scottish devolution, the English

Tories finally succumb to English national- nal constraints. If you doubt ism, the irony is that Simon will reject it with civilised distaste. I, unable to beat it. may join it.

Small nationalisms are a curse. The more "localised" they are - the more confined to a single people, race, culture and heritage obsessed they become. Jenkins mentioned the Lombard League in Italy. But what fuels the League is resentment at paying taxes for the impoverished south. Many northern Italians believe Africa starts at

Rome. The League is bogus. A more genuine regional nationalism — and Jenkins cites it — is Catalonia: a strong candidate for a Europe des Régions. Much of my family lives there. It is a small, rich, relatively heterogeneous country, with a long and proud history, a language of its own, and a real sense of nationhood. It is also a rather racist culture, with a resentment (cordially returned) of most other Spaniards, particularly the poorest from Andalusia, who have migrated to Catalonia for work, often in menial iobs.

Catalans are marvellous individuals: talented, creative and industrious, not unlike the Scots. But Catalanistas — the expression denotes the more enthusiastic nationalists — are a tiresome bunch. Their cial, and they always will.

world view is ethnocentric, their politics relentlessly parochial, mostly populist and sometimes corrupt. As with populism everywhere, there is a self-pitying tone to their argument — grumble made flesh — and when they seek to rally support, their reflex is to do so by whipping up a shared dislike of the other parts of Spain. I know I am not alone (my unease is shared by some thoughtful Catalans) in finding Catalan nationalism an impoverishing rather than enriching force.

Simon Jenkins might re-ply that if small nationalisms are inward-looking and negative, it is because we have made them so. We have ignored their claims for nationhood, in some cases (such as Catalonia under Franco) persecuted them cruelly, and allowed them no opportunity to learn responsible self-government. As we give them autonomy, he would argue, they will grow up.

They will not. They will get worse. A small nation can never be truly independent. Its autonomy is always a lie. With or without constitutional limits, the encircling world

will place huge blocks on its freedom, and the smaller the nation the more painfully obvious this will be. The easiest way for local politicians to pack a hall and raise a cheer will always be to play upon shared resentment of exter-

it, come with me to Scottish Question Time at Westminster. The whole dynamic of regional politics, be it within Britain or in a united Europe, will be to drive down the level of debate towards primitivism: the politics of the snarl or the whine, the clenched fist or the outstretched palm.

hen Scotland gets devolution, Scots will start to complain about not getting "their" money back from London: the whine will not cease, but be joined by an English whine about too much of "our" money going to "them". I believe in empire and in union: in raising eyes to the horizon. transcending race and melding cultures, but small nationalisms look inwards and back. If I thought a United States of Europe could work, I'd be for it, but I'don't Empire served Britain and her colonies well, and Union serves us well. The first is over, the second beginning to loosen. Like Simon, I recognise that. Unlike him, I fear this may be counter-evolutionary.

It is too easy to swing about in the metropolis, recommending power for the parishes and autonomy for the provinces. But parochial means parochial and provincial means provinWhile we wait for clinching evidence about BSE, there are much commoner diseases to worry about

Today there is yet another The verdict of science meeting of experts in Brussels to consider the issues arising from the BSE epidemic in British cattle Last Wednesday I attended an all-day meeting at the Royal Society of Medicine on "Spongiform Encephalopathies in Man and Anion a very rare disease mals". It was intellectually fascinating. I heard two lectures on the epidemiology in man and animals, by Dr Zeidler of the National in other species related to BSE? We are still in the process of examining Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease Surveilof the 20 scrapies. If, therefore, an lance Unit in Edinburgh and by Dr infection of these laboratory mice Wildsmith of the Veterinary Laboratories Agency. In the afternoon I with material derived from a human heard Dr Hunter's lecture on the genetics of sheep and cattle, and Dr

It is, of course, the last ques-tion which is vital to public health. Can BSE be transmitted from cow to man? If it cannot, then the British argument in Brussels is amply justified, and the market for British beef ought to be reopened. If it can, then the German point of view is justified, and the ban on British beef, however damaging to our farmers, is a normal public health measure, which we would certainly adopt ourselves if it were foreign beef that suffered from the BSE epidemic.

In about a year's time, at the latest, we shall know for sure whether the BSE agent can infect human beings. The delay is the result of the incubation period of the disease in laboratory mice. There are two key transmission experiments; one is well under way but might not be decisive; the other is about to start.

It has already been established that five particular strains of laboratory mice can be infected both with scrapie from sheep and with BSE from cows. Scrapie itself has at least 20 different varieties; these have signatures, both in terms of the incubation periods in the different strains of mice, and in terms of the lesions they produce in the brains of Are spongiform encephalopathies the mice. BSE also has its own

case shows the characteristic BSE signature, we shall know for sure that BSE has been transmitted from cow to man to mouse. If, on the other hand, the human agent infects the mouse with a disease with a non-BSE signature, that would be very strong evidence that the human case was not derived from BSE.

The current and ongoing experi-

William Rees-Mogg

ment consists of infection of the mice with material from six human cases of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. Two were taken from dairy farmers who had BSE on their farms, and were therefore possible BSE victims, two were from current sporadic cases of CJD, and two were from sporadic cases from the pre-BSE period. This experiment is quite well advanced, but may not be decisive, because it does not deal with the "new" CJD.

ment will use material from some of the ten "new" cases of CJD which are suspected of having been caused by BSE. These are cases in younger people than generally get CJD — although young CJD cases are not un-recorded. If these cases do not produce the BSE signature when transmitted to mice, there will be a very high probability that they are not BSE-related, but if they do, it will be virtually certain that they are.

Because work started in the 1960s. scientists know more about scrapie in sheep than they do about BSE or CJD. Complex different genetic patterns either give sheep immunity to scrapie or make them somewhat or very vulnerable to it. There is less genetic variability in cows; some scientists think that if you feed enough BSE material to cows, all

evertheless, only an average of about one cow in 50 actually suffers from BSE even in infected herds, and no one is quite certain why the other 98 per cent do not. Even if BSE can be transmitted to the human species, not all human beings are equally likely to get it. If human genetic variation proved to be similar to that in sheep. a high proportion of the population might be immune, even if some could

At the end of the panel discussion, the members of the audience at the Royal Society of Medicine were asked to vote whether they thought that BSE could be transmitted to man. A few voted "yes"; a few voted "no"; the great majority voted "don't know".
On the panel, the consensus view wasthat only time will tell. BSE does cross the species barrier to cats, mice, other ruminants and marmosets, ap-

parently not to dogs, pigs or poultry.

The only scientific statement at present is that we do not yet know whether BSE can also be transmitted to man, but will know, with a very high degree of probability, fairly soon. Time will tell, even if that does not help the experts meeting in Brussels today.

One should, in any case, keep a

sense of proportion about the health risk. If the "new" CJD cases are caused by BSE, they are still only running at about five a year, ten years into the BSE epidemic itself. We are all several thousand times more likely to suffer from dementia caused by Alzheimer's than from dementia caused by CJD, let alone BSE.

So far, BSE has been a great economic problem for the farming in-dustry, a major veterinary problem, but a minor public health problem.
Total British "new" and "old" CJD cases in 1995 were lower than in 1994, and litted the remarkably consistent world average of between one CJD case per million and one per two million of population. BSE is not what we ought to be most worried about in human health - Alzheimer's, drug-resistant hospital germs, drug-resistant tuberculosis, the spread of malaria, and Aids itself all represent much greater threats. If we want to keep ourselves awake at night, they, rather than BSE, are what should be giving us insomnia.

How will Blair play it?

Peter Riddell

Moira Bruce's lecture on transmis-

sion studies. There was then a panel

discussion which centred on the question of whether BSE can be

Some general impressions came

across very clearly. The first was the

high quality of the scientific work and the real progress that is being made

in study of the disease. The second is

that some very important questions

are still unanswered. In her compel-

ling lecture on transmission. Dr

Bruce asked five of them. I shall list

them with my own abbreviation of

Did BSE originate from sheep scrapie? There is no evidence that it did, but it remains a possibility, as

strains of sheep scrapie can be

changed permanently by passage through another host animal.

Have new strains been selected in

Has BSE spread back to sheep?

Is BSE in other countries related to

BSE in the UK? The Swiss strain of

There is no evidence that it has.

BSE is very similar or identical.

cattle? There is a single major strain

of agent in BSE.

transmitted to man.

on how Labour plans to wield

authority

in government

ony Blair will lead from the front if he becomes Prime Minister, as he has in Opposition - and he is already considering changes in the Whitehall machine to allow him to provide such a lead. No decisions have been taken, but the centre of government, 10 Downing Street and the Cabinet Office, is likely to be strengthened, and a small new strategy committee may be created to co-ordinate Labour's

programme. This does not mean that Mr Blair is trying to create a presidential system. Rather, he and his senior advisers — Derek Foster and Peter Mandelson from the Civil Service team and Jonathan Powell, his chief of staff are tackling two issues which have preoccupied Prime Ministers for 30 years: providing a clear strategic direction for government and ensuring that senior ministers are not overloaded.

Mr Blair has the further difficulty of a Shadow team with the least ministerial experience of any for 70 years. Harold Wilson had only a slightly more experienced team in 1964 when he said he intended to run No 10 "not only as chairman but as a full-time managing director or chief executive". His style changed, however, after the 1967 devaluation and during his 1974-76 administration, when he portrayed himself as "an old-fashioned deep-lying centre-half. feeding the ball to those whose job it was to score goals, and moving upfield only for rare set-piece occasions". Mr Blair is likely to follow the

Prime ministers have much less power over other ministers than is often supposed. They hire and fire them, and fix the membership of Cabinet committees, but as Nigel



Lawson noted in Contemporary Record, a mutual blackball exists in the short term between a prime minister and a minister over the activities of his or her department. This has often caused incoherence.

Some prime ministers, such as Harold Wilson and Edward Heath, have tried to streamline the Whitehall machinery. Others, including Margaret Thatcher, have relied more on their strong personalities. Under her, the framework of collective decision-making remained: the poll tax, for example, went through all the formal stages of discussion and approval. What she showed was an extraordinary will and energy in driving the Whitehall machine. By contrast, John Major has operated the existing structure in a more collegiate manner, coaxing rather than handbagging his Cabinet

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Mr Blair is wary of too much tinkering with the machine. The idea of a prime minister's department has been rejected. Instead, Mr Blair's advisers would like to see the Cabinet Office taking on a more active role in pushing forward the government's programme, rather than merely brokering and co-ordinating depart-mental views. The Cabinet Secretary might no longer combine that post with being Head of the Home Civil Service, but might concentrate on

being the "chief whip of Whitehall", overseeing implementation. The full Cabinet of nearly two dozen is too large to discuss strategy. Most prime ministers have relied on informal, small groups, often dubbed inner cabinets, of up to half-a-dozen senior ministers. Mr Major involved

Douglas Hurd, Michael Heseltine and Kenneth Clarke, as well as Norman Lamont, on Black Wednesday, when sterling was forced out of the European exchange-rate mechanism. That group, plus a couple of other ministers, has shared other key decisions. More formal small com-

mittees take decisions during wars. Labour is thinking about creating a strategy and legislative priorities committee, based on the current "big four": Blair, John Prescott, Gordon Brown and Robin Cook, plus Donald Dewar. They might in effect become "super-ministers" by chairing the relevant Cabinet committees. However, the idea of formal overlords or "super-ministries" is seen as unworkable, creating friction with

departments. Mr Blair does not want to import too many political advisers into Whitehall. Some senior members of the Downing Street staff may have a more explicitly political than Civil Service background: for instance, a chief of staff and press spokesman. The existing Policy Unit may also be beefed up slightly to provide a longerterm strategic focus, in addition to its short-term tactical work. This dual approach has been the aim of every head of the Policy Unit since the old Think-Tank (the Central Policy Re-view Staff) was abolished in 1983.

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ome Shadow Cabinet mem-bers would like to revive the old Think-Tank to advise them all, rather than just the Prime Minister. There is little enthusiasm for having cabinets of external advisers on the continental model, although there may be a more explicit distinction between purely political advisers in private offices (usually young would-be MPs) and genuine experts working as special advisers in policy planning units. This might ease the pressures on senior ministers, although Labour leaders are over-optimistic in hoping that devolution and decentralisation will reduce workloads.

The Treasury always has a pivotal role. Labour politicians have regularly sought countervailing forces against its financial orthodoxy, what Mr Prescott last week called its "dead hand, stilling initiative and innovation". Other powerbases have been set up, notably the Department of Economic Affairs in 1964, and most have failed. Mr Brown has suggested broadening the Treasury's formal objectives to include job creation and equality of opportunity. Other Labour leaders are suspicious about . enhancing not just the Treasury's power (creating a "Super-Treasury", in Mr Prescott's words) but also Mr Brown's. The machinery cannot be separated from those who pull the

The fate of any Labour government will be determined less by such changes than by Mr Blair's success in directing and managing his col-leagues. If he enters Downing Street, he will quickly learn the truth of Lord Lawson of Blaby's view that "prime ministers do not feel themselves nearly as powerful as they are widely made out to be and, in my experience, would like to be".

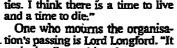
Uncharitable

low herself a discreet smile of triumph. Christian Action, one of the few effective voices of opposition to her in the 1980s, is to close after half a century of charity work at home and abroad.

The organisation's director. Canon Eric James, was the driving force behind Faith in the City, the report by Robert Runcie, then Archbishop of Canterbury, which criticised government work in the inner cities. The document was rubbished by mysterious senior government sources as "Marxist theology", and was the cause of years of extremely frosty relations between the Anglican hierarchy and the Government.

Christian Action, which numbered Lords Longford, Hailsham and Runcie among its founding fathers, will wind up with a service of thanksgiving at St Paul's in December, having worked in many fields. Its first task, in 1947, was to speed up the release of German prisoners of war, and it was deeply involved in South Africa during the apartheid years.

Now, says Canon James, it is simply broke. "We have run out of money. The habit now is for people to contribute to single-issue chari-



undoubtedly achieved a great deal," he says, "but I feel sure that its spirit will be carried on in some other charities."

■ The Royal Family is up for sale. Margaret Thatcher too is available to the highest bidder. The Friargate Waxworks Museum in



"I have to ask, Madam, are

York is to close later this year, and its famous figures will be auctioned off. The Princess of Wales (with optional Buckingham Palace balcony) is expected to provoke the fiercest bidding, but the Wax Lady would be an ideal handbag-stand.

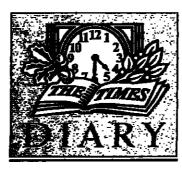
Lily delivered ROYAL green fingers will be busy at the Chelsea Flower Show today. Princess Alexandra is to hold aloft a new alstroemeria lily and name it

. after herself.

In part she will be celebrating her own success at nurturing the flower, in her garden in Richmond Park. Visiting the show two years ago, she spotted the then anonymous seedlings on the stand of Peter J. Smith, a former gold medal-winner. "They weren't for sale then, but I gave her a dozen plants and she came back last year and said how well they were doing," says Smith. "I asked her if she would name the lily HRH Princess Alexandra and she agreed."

Le roi

SOME OF Eric Cantona's most ardent followers are not unduly concerned by his exclusion from the French squad for the Euro 96. They believe he has a higher calling. For the "Eric the King Society", the



maverick Frenchman is a monarch in waiting. The group has released a record.

Manc Attitude, to promote this perhaps slightly eccentric belief, and has been recruiting members through Eric look-a-like contests in the North West of England.

The fanaticism should not be underestimated. Pete Boyle, the Warwick the Kingmaker of this daffy band, has moved across Manchester so that his postcode includes IMU after the Old Trafford team. He has even named his daughter Cantona. Better than Eric, I suppose.

Broken ice

ANY SUSPICIONS about German intentions in Europe must be put aside by our man in Iceland. The British diplomatic delegation and their German counterparts have

shacked up together in a joint em-bassy in Reykjavik. Cohabitation was agreed in order to keep warm, after economies

at the end of the Cold War. Shared facilities include staff restrooms. kitchens, lavatories, and even interview rooms. "It's a brand spanking new modernist building," says Jim McCulloch, the proud British Ambassador. "We have collocated with the Germans and were meant to be in with Italy as well, but they did not move in. We share a canteen which has a microwave and a place to brew our coffee."

McCulloch insists, however, that security will not be a problem.



Grandma Pet

"Luckily, we don't have any secrets in Reykjavik."

Baby match

ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER was complaining yesterday that he was being assailed on two fronts. At his Really Useful Group's race day at Newbury he was reeling from an eye-popping hangover after a riotous Eurovision Song Contest party the night before. And his recovery from the boozing had not been aided by the onslaught from his newborn daughter, Isabel Aurora. Apparently she has been trumpeting her own arrival so forcefully that he suggests she should have been called Boreas - Greek for wind. None of this dissuaded Petula Clarke, who has just become a grandmother, from trying to matchmake the two babies.

Grrl talk

A VICTORY for feminism. Virago, the women's publisher which caused a kerfuffle last year when it announced that it was planning to publish books by men, has changed its mind. The company, which has been bought by Little Brown, has appointed Sally Abbey as its senior editor to scour the world for fresh female talent. It is being suggested that the new fic-



Ms Virago: Sally Abbey

tion list should be aggressively titled "Grrls".

Abbey says that it was decided that recuiting men was foolish and bad for business. "Virago had a real niche in the market, which it endangered by saying that it would publish both sexes," she says. We're going back to women — I've heard that Pamela Anderson is writing her post-modernist novel



CLOUD OVER EURO 96

Time for all good supporters to come to the aid of the game

Violent disturbances have been disfiguring English football for so long that many people not directly concerned with the game may have stopped noticing local eruptions of trouble. In the last month alone, fans have attacked rival supporters, the police and a club's directors in Newcastle. Hull, Brighton and Ipswich. Many injuries and arrests marked each outbreak.

E STATE OF THE STA

In three weeks' time, the English football authorities mount their most ambitious football tournament since the 1966 World Cup: Euro 96. The very staging of a threeweek, eight-city international competition in England is an act of supreme optimistic defiance. Most English football fans are wholly peaceable; a small number are notorious and dangerous. English fans are not the only ones who fight: Dutch, German and Italian thugs have all made mayhem in recent memory. But the English record abroad is the worst, stretching back at least as far as the notorious European Championship of 1980 when policemen lobbed gas canisters at England fans in Turin. The list of England's previous convictions is worse than those of any other nationality that sends its football supporters abroad. However unfair it may be for the majority of fans, crowds of English supporters now almost invariably attract trouble.

A couple of years ago the tragedies of Bradford, Heysel and Hillsborough seemed to be receding into the past. The culture of violence was slowly being cured by a combination of better police intelligence, closed circuit TV cameras, all-seat stadiums and, perhaps, by a realisation of the human and material damage and disgrace that hooliganism can cause. Attendances at football games continued to rise while convictions for violence began to fall. English teams were allowed back into Europe. But those

changes did nothing to discourage the hard core of violent people who plan and provoke riots for pleasure. Last year, a "friendly" international between England and Ireland had to be abandoned so that the police might regain control of the stadium.

One inescapable conclusion stands out. The conduct of Euro 96 will determine the reputation and European opportunities for the national team and English clubs for years to come. As we report on page 4, disorder is all too probable. Trouble here next month could result in England being banned from the World Cup and other international tournaments, England's football fans, clubs and police forces are on probation.

Police forces do not want to set aside scarce manpower in policing stadiums or to put their officers at risk of injury. But investigation of the roots of football violence over the past decade and a half has revealed the existence of sophisticated conspiracies which can be tackled only by long-term surveillance and detection. Five separate nieces of legislation dealing with everything from alcohol to pitch invasion have been put on the statute book in the last 11 years. International co-ordination has improved by degrees, although England's detectives rightly complain that foreign police forces are unwilling to undertake surveillance and preemptive action against known trouble-

Carefully designed measures are in place in Britain. Euro 96 will pose the question of football violence in the starkest possible form. The clubs, the law and the police can prove that the football disease is close to being cured. Or they will point the way to more drastic restrictions on a sport that so persistently attracts so much repulsive

RED ARMY MIRE

Britain can teach Russia something about a professional army

Election politics springs many a surprise in Russia. After almost two weeks of vacillation in hopes of a quiet, diplomatic solution. Moscow ordered the withdrawal of four British diplomats. Following explicit warnings, Britain promptly enforced the same order on four Russians. The measures will harm Anglo-Russian relations, however hard both sides try to ensure otherwise. The Russian move was ill-judged and shortsighted. But, in the eyes at least of the Yeltsin entourage looking for electoral advantage, the incident was not ill-timed.

Using spy scares to bolster his nationalist credentials is one of the unpleasant aspects of Mr Yeltsin's campaign. Another move. however, also forced by the public mood, is wholly welcome: his announcement that conscription in the Russian Army is to end over the next four years; he has also announced that no soldier will be sent to Chechenia against his will. Both moves have clear

electoral appeal. Being called up into the demoralised Russian Army is a threat hanging over every young Russian male, made worse by the prospect of being sent, almost untrained, into the Chechen mire. Mr Yeltsin's move, while courting the votes of millions of young people and their parents, is no more than recognising reality. The army has seen an epidemic of desertion and draft-dodging. No more than 20 per cent of those called up report for service. The use of conscripts in war zones has been disastrous. Frightened men have been slaughtered in large numbers; seeking courage in drink, many have looted, raped and pillaged; morale has all but broken down; and the reputation of the Russian Army as a disciplined and responsible fighting force has been severely damaged.

The ending of conscription, however, can only be the prelude to more thoroughgoing reform. The Army, pampered and indulged by the Soviet State, was once the pride of the country. It is in a sorry state now. Numbers have shrunk to about two million, including the semi-autonomous Interior Ministry forces. But the superstructure, the budget, the military doctrine and the political outlook remain bloated, outdated, inefficient and corrupt. Russian military experts say that about 90,000 new officers graduate from universities and military academies each year, whereas only about 10.000 are needed in a slimmed-down army. In most armies no more than 0.05 per cent of the manpower are generals, but in Russia a full I per cent some 2,000 men - hold that rank.

There is a severe shortage of non-commissioned officers, the heart of any fighting force. Conscripts are treated like serfs underpaid, overworked, badly fed and used as cheap civilian labour or treated by officers as private servants. So horrendous are the stories of starvation, deprivation, sexual abuse and intimidation that hundreds of

conscripts commit suicide each year. There has been talk of change to a professional army for years, but no one dared take on the entrenched interests of the huge officer class. Now electoral politics and the runaway military budget may force changes. If Pavel Grachev, the mulish and ineffective Defence Minister, is replaced, the reforms could yet go ahead, despite the cost. This is an area where Britain has valuable experience to offer. If a line is to be drawn under the spy affair. British officers could work closely with Russia to make its army the kind of professional force that would be less of a threat to its people, its Government and, in the end, its neighbours.

THE ADVENTUROUS EYE

Portraits of the artist as a craftsman innovator

The Degas exhibition that opens at the National Gallery on Wednesday is more than just a unique assembly of famous and unknown works of art. It gets inside the mind of one of the world's most elusive and controversial artists.

For Degas has as many paradoxes as Zeno, the pioneer of the counterintuitive puzzle. He was the crusty old bachelor who painted women in the bath, drying themselves or combing their hair with more insight, compassion and affection than any artist before or since. He was the only Impressionist with a training in the traditions of academic orthodoxy and the heavy French historical school. But at the same time he was the only Impressionist who refused to escape from the prison of the studio to paint out of doors or directly from nature. And he admitted that the appearance of spontaneity in his paintings was artful: "No art was ever less spontaneous

Some critics have interpreted Degas as a than mine." grumpy recluse, whose talent deteriorated with his eyesight, so that he became obsessed with increasingly crude and simple repetitions of women at their toilet and chocolate-box Lolita ballerinas. This first full exhibition of Degas' later work, for which The Times is a sponsor, suggests explanations for this and other puzzles, as well as making belated restitution for the reviews of our baffled art critics a century ago. Pastels and charcoal sketches on tracing paper (which had to be brought around the world in specially designed jolt-free boxes in order to avoid dislodging their powdery media) exhibit a man with a magnificent obsession as well as a passion for experiment. Many of his serial images of developing themes have not been seen side by side since the closingdown sale at his studio. When will there be an opportunity to see them together again?

To observe the development of one of his themes by the ageing Degas is to watch a restless adventurer en route for modernism. He was too much in love with the female body ever to become an abstract artist. But his constant experimentation with line, form and colour lights up the motorway from Ingres to Picasso. For Degas can now be seen as a constant innovator as well as a classic draughtsman and master of composition. His pictures of the female body in motion and privacy echo the works of his contemporary novelists and poets, concerned with modern life behind the scenes in

The final paradox is that his rivals spoke well of Degas, and many rated him their greatest. And in spite of his reclusive reputation, he was a team player. The parallel exhibition at the National Gallery of Degas as collector and promoter of his Impressionist friends shows a generous man free from the jealousy and selfabsorption that sometimes go with genius. Anybody who wants to watch the mind of this magnificent artist at work, as well as see his immortal and experimental works, should hurry to the National Gallery.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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on fighting crime

From Lord Ackner

Sir, The White Paper, Protecting the Public, which is to be debated in the House of Lords on May 23, carries the statement that "in the last few years we have developed and implemented a co-ordinated strategy on crime".

The Home Secretary's memory does not apparently stretch back to 1990 when the Government issued a White Paper on which the Criminal Justice Act, 1991, was founded. This was somewhat similarly entitled Crime, Justice and Protecting the

The 1990 White Paper did not suggest that "prison works", apart from its "warehousing function". On the contrary it said "nobody now regards imprisonment, in itself, as an effective means of reform for most prisoners"

-- it can be "an expensive way of making bad people worse" — "it is unrealistic to construct sentencing arrangements on the assumption that most offenders will weigh the possibilities in advance and base their conduct on rational calculation" -- "it is unrealistic to expect most prisoners to emerge at the end of their sentence as reformed characters

But on the subject which has stimulated much judicial criticism of the 1996 White Paper, namely interference with the judicial discretion by the imposition of minimum sentences and mandatory life sentences, the 1990 White Paper says in terms, "No government should try to influence the decision of the courts in individual cases. The independence of the judiciary is rightly regarded as a cornerstone of our liberties.

But even more to the point it states: It is not the Government's intention that Parliament should bind the courts with strict legislative guidelines. The courts have shown great skill in the way they sentence exceptional cases. The courts will properly continue to have the wide discretion they need if they are to deal justly with the great variety of crimes which come before them. The Government rejects a rigid statutory framework, on the lines of those introduced in the United States, or a system of minimum or mandatory sentences for certain offences. This would make it more difficult to sentence justly exceptional cases. It would also result in more acquittals by juries, with more guilty men and women go-ing free unjustly as a result.

The minister seems to be suffering from a strange form of amnesia.

Yours faithfully, ACKNER, House of Lords. May 17.

European Court From Mr Paul Farmer

Sir, In his article of May 7, "A change of heart on Europe", Woodrow Wyatt makes two points about the European Court of Justice which seem to reflect general misunderstandings of the court in the United Kingdom.

First, he says that the Court of Justice is "composed of a majority of academicians, not practising lawyers". In fact the members of the court come from a variety of backgrounds, which could be regarded as a source of strength. A large majority of the current members have substantial judicial or practical experience, and only a small minority have a predominantly academic background. In any event, as Professor Graham Zellick has recently pointed out in your columns (letter, April 22), academic lawyers

have often made outstanding judges. Secondly, he refers to "anger at seeing the overturning of decisions of our experienced and better qualified judges". The European Court of Justice has no power to overturn decisions of British courts. Its function in relation to British courts is to help them to apply Community law by answering

questions referred by British judges. The latter have often said that the Court of Justice is better qualified to answer questions of Community law than British judges and have readily made use of the opportunity to obtain rulings from the Court of Justice.

Yours faithfully. P. R. FARMER (Legal secretary). Court of Justice of the European Communities. Kirchberg, Luxembourg. May 13.

Nailing the problem

From Mr Edward Thomas

Sir, Following the unveiling of Antony Williams's portrait of the Queen, [reports. May 8, 9; article May 10] an often ignored topic can be brought into the open: just what can be done about broken fingernails?

I've been trying to solve the problem for years, and I am much younger than 70, I now feel the matter to be of some urgency, in case someone wants to paint my portrait.

Yours truly. EDWARD THOMAS. Flat 4, 21 Jevington Gardens, Eastbourne, East Sussex. May 9.

From Mrs Joan Atkins

would sit on mine.

Sir, Jan Morris's face may change when confronted by a photographer (letter, May 11) - but her hands? I am 75 and in the unlikely event of having my portrait painted. I think I

Yours faithfully. JOAN ATKINS, 21 Courtyards. Little Shelford, Cambridge.

Change of strategy Danger of misleading with university 'Ivy League'

From Mr Richard Leathes

Sir, Your front-page report of May 13. Top universities forced into new Ivy League", demonstrates that today's applicants need extensive, accurate, up-to-date and objective guidance on how to research the whole issue of university entrance and careers.

Setting the boundaries between the ins" and "outs" of such a league risks the reinforcement of prejudice and entrenched views and may discourage those applying for places, recruiting graduates or funding research from considering other institutions equally or more worthy of their attention — to the detriment of all concerned.

League tables can be a dangerous distraction from the key issues. Consultants like ourselves spend much of our time trying to draw students, particularly those from overseas, away from the concept that what is "best" is what they or their families and friends perceive to be most acceptable socially and persuade them instead to consider what is most suitable for their individual requirements.

The strength of the British university system lies in its diversity and in the autonomy of its institutions. The answer to the widespread concern about standards is not an lvy League but greater quality control and a "kite mark" that can be recognised internationally.

RICHARD LEATHES Gabbitas Educational Consultants, Carrington House, 126-130 Regent Street, W1. May 14.

From the Chief Executive of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals

Sir, To rank universities on a single scale, as your league table (May 17) purports to do. is misleading and does disservice to intending students.

Every university degree is unique. That is the essential quality of higher education, and what separates it from the world of schools and national ex-

It is why students have to choose their courses carefully. Making the

right choice can be helped by single indicator league tables, on anything from the number of workstations to accommodation prices.

Your week of coverage, which preceded the overall league, contained valuable information which was no doubt useful to applicants. But I would be very concerned were any intending students to use your final league table as a serious guide to where they should spend three or four

That table combines many single indicators into one, using weightings determined by The Times's idea of what an institution should be, and what students want.

Such an approach is ludicrously monolithic. Universities are very different from each other. Students are more diverse than ever. The middleclass male, aged 18 and fresh from school, is not the norm.

Yours faithfully, DIANA WARWICK, Chief Executive.

29 Tavistock Square, WCl.

From Mr Edward Lipman and Dr V. A. C. Gatrell

Sir. We must refute the implication in your report today (May 13), headed Making your choice, that the higher the ratio of applicants to acceptances. the stronger an Oxford or Cambridge college is in a particular subject.

Peterhouse and Caius, which you list as having "average" and "slightly lower than average" applications in history, are widely regarded as the two strongest colleges in history in Cambridge.

In firsts as a percentage of students sitting exams in history from each college, they usually lead the rest of Cambridge by a substantial margin and have done so for many years.

Yours faithfully, EDWARD LIPMAN (Research Fellow in History. Peterhouse), V. A. C. GÄTRELL (Lecturer in History Gonville and Caius).

University of Cambridge.

From the President of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers

Sir, You report, as driving forces for the emergence of a new "Ivy League" among our universities, the needs of university and overseas students for

There is also much concern in the engineering profession that the in-crease in the provision of university education has undermined standards in some areas.

In its role to accredit university courses as part of the qualification of chartered engineers, this institution's rolling review covered 39 universities last year; in only four cases were courses given immediate and unconditional accreditation for a further five years. Wider debate in the profession may well result in a raising of standards to ensure ongoing international competitiveness of our professional

engineers.
We should remember, however. that the age of an academic establishment is no guide to its output standards and a university with a premierdivision place in one subject area may be well down the list in others.

Yours faithfully. F. CHRIS PRICE, President, Institution of Mechanical Engineers, I Birdcage Walk, SWI.

From Professor Ron Johnston

Sir, You quote Sir Colin Campbell, Vice-Chancellor of Nottingham University, as advising would-be university students to plan their applications from the age of 14. "ensuring their free time is used on activities which will impress admissions tutors" ("Make the most of your assets, May 13).

I trust that other university vicechancellors and their admissions tutors will publicly disagree with him and tell 14-year-olds to enjoy their adolescence and experiment in the use of their free time (indeed, to make sure they have plenty of it). They can join the rat-race of "CV boosters" much later in life.

Yours etc. RON JOHNSTON (Vice-Chancellor, Essex University, 1992-95), 123 The Close, Salisbury, Wiltshire.

Their lordships

From Professor Emeritus Colin Harbury

Lords reformists past and present including your correspondents of May 1.7 and 16 - fail because they approach the subject in isolation. I would argue that reform must involve other constitutional changes as well.

The conventional wisdom appears to be that a second chamber is essential to preserve "checks and balances". I happen not to accept this — witness unicameral assemblies in nations such as Denmark, Finland, Greece, Israel, New Zealand. Norway and Sweden. However, suppose for the sake of argument it is valid. Three options are then available as bases for membership - heredity, patronage and election.

Heredity is what we are trying to get away from; and patronage is not overwhelmingly appealing. So we are left with election as the favoured alternative. But there are not, in my view.

and without sensible constituencies. the "upper" House will attract only candidates who feel they have poor ful "lower" chamber. There is, however, a possible alternative: proportional representation.

enough regional groupings in the UK

to form the basis of a second chamber;

PR has long been supported by parties which happen to be the current losers in the first-past-the-post system, and it is feared by the rest; but, confined to a single chamber, it would provide a real alternative assembly, representative in a different way of the electorate as a whole, which might even rank sometimes as superior to the Com-

PR could thus be an effective vehicle for the provision of checks and balances. It would be simple and cheap to

Yours sincerely. C. D. HARBURY, Bridge House. Pakenham, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk. May 18.

social development.

Young people's fitness

From the National Director. NABC - Clubs for Young People

Sir, I am in a unique position to comment on your article concerning lack of fitness in today's young people (Education, May 10).

Until recently I commanded the Army's recruit training organisation and was an end user of the product of the education system. I was as deeply critical of the fitness of modern youth as the military spokesman in your article. I now head one of the country's

largest, non-uniformed movements

for young people and, while my views on fitness have not changed. I have a different perspective. There is a largely ignored, underfunded middle course, which is devoted to assisting young people make the transition from childhood and school to adulthood and work. That course is

provided by statutory and voluntary youth organisations. NABC - Clubs for Young People

aids the development of some 300,000

From Mr A. K. L. Dymoke-Bradshaw Sir, Whilst I am sure many applaud the progress by Daimler-Benz in the development of fuel cells and their possible application as an automotive power source (Breathtaking ... the vehicle powered by air", report, May 15), let us not forget from where the energy comes.

It is not from the air, any more than a petrol engine is powered by air. The hydrogen fuel is certainly oxidised by the oxygen in the air, but this applies to all combustion engines except rockets, which carry their own oxidant.

No, the energy source will still be the regular sources - fossil, nuclear, wind, wave, tidal and solar - as these will be used to produce the hydrogen. What the fuel cell could do is to remove the pollution to a place where perhaps, given sufficient motivation. it can be dealt with more easily and young people, in 2,000 clubs spread nationwide. Our extensive programme of physical and other activities promotes personal, physical and

I know from my military service that young people who belong to such organisations have up to a 50 per cent better chance of passing the demanding recruit training course than those who rely solely on their formal education. Similar success rates are probably to be found in other areas of employment. Our members are not only fitter, but more self-confident and better motivated.

Sadly, throughout the youth movement, public funds are at a premium. Arguably, a modest increase in investment here would give a more rewarding return than do the huge sums spent on "boot camps" and other re-

Yours faithfully, COLIN GROVES, National Director, NABC — Clubs for Young People, 371 Kennington Lane, SEII.

the more unpleasant products.

London.

In addition it could give us quieter

and more comfortable vehicles; I re-

member the smooth trolley buses of

The electric propulsion also offers

improved energy savings as it will be

easier to recycle the kinetic energy of a

vehicle via motor-generator transmis-

sion and braking systems.

where the combustion could perhaps 'Powered by air' be more controlled and produce less of

Yours faithfully. A. K. L. DYMOKE-BRADSHAW. 10 Badgers Wood, Farnham Common, Buckinghamshire. May 15.

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Village halls

From Mrs M. Burgess

Sir. I was interested in the juxtaposition of Mr David Mellor's remarks deriding the idea of millennium grants to village halls with the news of a £40 million grant of lottery funds to the Albert Hall (reports, May (5).

A village hall grant would be welcomed by those of us who live in rural communities, distant from concert halls, theatres and art galleries. We use our halls as a base for social and educational activities and much more. and some lottery money for refurbishment, updating of facilities or building extensions would be greatly ap-preciated. It will really please the grassroots" communities.

These grants would in all probability still be remembered and enjoyed long after the Albert Hall is due for yet further costly renovation.

To put money back into the whole countryside to reach "grassroots" communities in the smallest villages would seem to be an excellent way of celebrating the millennium.

Yours faithfully, M. BURGESS (Vice-Chairman, Stone and District Village Hall Management Committee). Foxley House, Woodford. Berkeley. Gloucestershire. May 15.

Bird scarers From Mrs Geoffrey Burnand

Sir, The modern bird scarer is no longer a traditional loud bang but a series of noises imitating, amongst others, the following: a stoat killing a rabbit, a hawk, a police siren, a milk-

ing parlour and a football rattle. These sounds have been operating for at least 14 hours every day about 100 yards from my house where I and my family are variously studying for A levels, BAs and MAs. To an extent one could tolerate the natural sounds of nature, such as the first two, but I feel that the other three are going a bit

At last, to my great relief the MAFF, whose field it is, tells me the thing has been removed. I am not sure whether this is in response to complaints or simply because, despite the introduction of a new noise almost daily, the birds had been completely ignoring it.

Yours faithfully JULIET BURNAND. Freefolk House, Martyr Worthy. Winchester, Hampshire. May 18.

In the soup

From Mr Roger Kirk

Sir, Today I bought in my local branch of Tesco a container of Fresh Seasonal Spicy Parsnip Soup, to be used by May 20, and inscribed "New Is this the confirmation of my worst

climatic suspicions? Yours faithfully,

ROGER KIRK. Golson's Cottage, Oulston, York.





COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE May 18: The Duke of Edinburgh, President, King George's Fund for Sailors, this evening attended the Ascot Charity Raceday Caharet Ball at the Ascot Pavilion, Ascot

BUCKINGHAM PALACE May 18: The Prince Edward this ing attended a Ball in support of the British Olympic Appeal Southern Region at the Hampshire Constabulary Training and Support Headquarters, Hamble, Southampton, and was received by Her Maiesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire (Mrs Mary Fagan). PALACE OF

HOLYROODHOUSE May 18: The Princess Royal, Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, this morning attended the Opening of the General Assembly at the Assembly Hall and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Edin-burgh (Mr Eric Milligan, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost). Her Royal Highness this after-noon gave a Luncheon at the Palace of Holyroodhouse. The Princess Royal later attended an Afternoon Party in the garden of the Palace of Holyroodhouse.

Her Royal Highness afterwards visited the High Constables at the Abbey Court House. The Princess Royal this evening gave a Dinner at the Palace of

BUCKINGHAM PALACE May 19: Mr John Bycroft, Mr Eric Onewill and Mr Colin Wright were received by The Queen when Her Majesty decorated them with the Royal Victorian Medal (Silver). The Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel Grenadier Guards, this afternoon attended the Regimental Remen

brance Sunday Service at the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, London SWI. PALACE OF HOLYROODHOUSE May 19: The Princess Royal, Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, this morning attended the Assembly Service at the High Kirk of St Giles, Edinburgh. Her Royal Highness this after-noon gave a Luncheon at the

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will visit the Chelsea Flower Show at 5.30. The Duchess of Gloucester and Princess Alexan dra, as President of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, will also

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Honorary Member of the Rotary Club of London, will present the Leonardo da Vinci Award 1966 at Buckingham Palace at 5.00.

The Princess Royal, as Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, will visit Cunningham House, Cowgate, Edinburgh at 11.30; will visit Oakshaw Trinity Church, 6 School Wynd, Paisley, 21 1.40; will visit Queen Mary House. Queen Mary Avenue, Crosshill, at 2.30: will visit Langside Church. 167 Ledard Road, at 3.15; and will visit The Mallard, 100 Morrin Street, Springburn, Glasgow, at

Princess Margaret will attend the Royal Horticultural Society's Chel-sea show at at 5.25; and will launch the new rose, "Norwich Cathedral", to mark the 900th anniversary of the foundation of the

cathedral and diocese. The Duke of Gloucester will attend a dinner at the Mansion House at 5.50 to mark Lord Menuhin's 80th

Luncheons

Palace of Holyroodhouse.

The Princess Royal this evening

Her Royal Highness later gave a

Dinner at the Palace of Holyroodhouse.

attended the General Assembly.

HM Lord High Com The Princess Royal, Her Majesty's Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, gave a luncheon on Saturday at the Palace of Holyroodhouse. Among those present were:

In esent were:
The Duke and Duchess of Argyll, the
Earl and Countess of Erroll, the Earl and
Countess of Dundee, the Viscount and
Viscountess of Arbuthnott, Sir lain and
Lady Vallance, the Very Rev James and
Mirs Harkness, the Dean of the Chapel
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and Mirs Michael Cunllife, Mr and Mirs
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Laudentale, and Viscountess Malitand.
Lord and Lady Modariane of Bearsden,
Sir Ian and Lady Wood, the Rev Professor
Duncan and the Rev Mangared Forrester,
Mr Michael Flesch, QC, and Mis Flesch,
Mr and Mrs Duncan Lowe, the Sheriff
Principal of Tayside, Central and Fife
and Mrs Maguire, Mr and Mrs Neil
McIntosh, the Rev Andrew and Mrs
McLellan, Mr and Mrs Dela Russell and
Mr and Mrs Nigel Whiskin.

Packwood Haugh On Sunday, June 23, we welcome all former pupils and staff to our Annual Reunion Day. Please con-

tact the Headmaster's Secretary

for details. Tel: 01939 260217.

Nature notes

FEMALE goldcrests are sitting on large clutches of tiny white eggs: the mossy nest hangs under a cedar branch or a cypress bough. The male usually sings near by: he has

a thin, buzzing song that ends in a rapid whirl of notes. The first young robins are out of the nest: it takes several days before they can fly well and they crouch in the hedges, waiting for their par-

The spotted flycatcher

ents to feed them. Spotted flycatchers are back, darting out into the air to catch insects: many of them will nest in wisteria on garden walls. Several golden orioles were seen in Britain last week:

these brilliant black and gold birds fly swiftly round the treetops, making a loud, belllike cry. Leaves have been opening slowly on most of the trees in spite of the cold

weather. Many London planes and turkey oaks are still mostly in small leaf. The wind has been scattering the white blossom on crab-apples and horsechestnuts. The bright blue flow-

ers of evergreen alkanet are out in waste places: it used to be a flower mainly of southwest England, ngland, spread. ing tall DJM. Earl Spencer, 32; Mr James Stewart, actor, 88; Sir Iain Vallance, chairman, BT, 53; Captain David Younger, Lord-Lieutenant of Tweeddale, 57. but is now more widespread. Buttercups are standing tall on the roadsides. DJM.

Chelsea Flower Show

Councils boldly plant seeds of tourism

By Alan Toogood HORTICULTURE

MORE local authorities are using the Chelsea Flower Show as a shop window to encourage tourism and to publicise their parks and eardens and environmental

improvements. Some of their displays are the most lavish at the show, which opens tomorrow, as most enjoy generous sponsorship, especially from indus-try. Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council, and Middlesbrough, which has been awarded the title Environment City, are publicising large reclamation projects with their displays.

Birmingham City Council's lavish display celebrates the centenary of the British motor industry and is a showcase for the city's parks. Like several other exhibits from towns and cities, it includes carpet bedding, a labour-intensive Victorian art that is rarely seen outside the Chelsea Flower Show these days. "We were national winners of Britain in Bloom in 1992 and 1993, and are back in the national finals this year," Peter Thomas, head of Birmingham's parks, said. "Our Chelsea exhibit is to be the centrepiece of this year's entry and after the show will be transferred to Birmingham's

Belfast City Council Parks are doing something completely different a display of plants from Australia and New Zealand, all grown in the palm house and tropical ravine at the botanic gardens.

Visitors to this year's show, the 83rd, will also notice an increase in overseas exhibitors. The Mauritius Horticultural Society is new to the show and has staged indigenous flowers in the floral marquee and, in the educa-

Birthdays today

Mr Tim Albery, opera director, 44; Mr John Arkell, industrialist and

former director of administration, BBC, 87; Mr David Ashcroft, former

Headmaster, Cheltenham College, 76; General Sir Hugh Beach, 73; Sir

David Berriman, former chairman,

North East Thames Regional Health

Authority, 68; Dr John Bradfield.

chairman. Commission for the New

Towns, 71; Sir Robert Burryard,

former HM Inspector of Con-

stabulary, 66; Sir Clifford Butler,

former Vice-Chancellor, Lough-borough University, 74; Mr H.T.

Professor I.R. Cameron, Provost, University of Wales College of

Medicine, Cardiff. 60; Sir Harry Campion, statistician, 91; the Rev

Professor Owen Chadwick, OM

KBE, ecclesiastical historian, 80;

Cher, singer and actress, 50; FlightLieutenant J.A. Cruickshank,

VC, 76; Mr Lynn Davies, athlete. 54; Mr Greg Dyke, chairman and chief

executive, Pearson Television, 49; Mr

Keith Fletcher, cricketer, 52; Mr Nigel Griffiths, MP, 41; Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sir John Harrison, 75; Lord Hollick, 51; Mr Martin Honeysett,

cartoonist and illustrator, 53; Mr

Simon Keswick, director, Jardine

Matheson Group, 54; the Very Rev

Professor John McIntyre, theologian, 80; Mr David Mayhew, a partner,

Cazenove and Company, 56; Viscount

Mills, 40; Mr Jeremy Nichols,

Headmaster, Stowe School, 53: Miss

Michele Roberts, novelist, 47; Mr

Peter Shore. MP. 72: Sir William

Simpson, former trade unionist, 76;



Sandra Sarll battling against the wind to put the finishing touches to a show garden yesterday

Service dinners

display depicting the story of sugar. Also in that section, Rainforest Belize, a voluntary conservation group, is stag-ing a display of tropical rainforest plants.
The Jamaica Tourist Board

The Queen's Royal Hussars

The Oueen's Royal Lancers

Gurkha Brigade Association

Appointments

in the Forces

the Waldorf Hotel.

Major-General Richard Burron.
Colonel of The Queen's Royal Hussars (The Queen's Own and Royal Irish), presided at the annual reunion dinner of the regimental association

Lieutenant-General Sir Richard Swinburn, Colonel of The Queen's

Royal Lancers, presided at the annual reunion dinner held on Saturday at

Field-Marshal Lord Bramall, KG,

presided at the annual reunion of the Gurkha Brigade Association held on Saturday at the Royal Military Acad-

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tional and scientific section, a showing native plants found at various altitudes in their first Chelsea exhibit. Some overseas exhibitors will be familiar to regular Chelsea visitors, including the National Botanical Institute. Kirstenbosch, South Africa, who will be showing someand Horticultural Society are

Major-General D.G.T. Horsford

presided at the 50th annual re-

union luncheon of the 1st Gurkha

Rifles Regimental Associaton held

on Saturday at the Gurkha Mu-seum, Winchester.

Lieutenant-Colonel Joe Poraj-

Wilczynski, Regimental Lieuten-ant-Colonel, The Parachute

Regiment, was the principal guest

at the annual dinner of Parachute 2 Club (1941-45) held on Saturday at

Stoke Rochford Hall, Grantham.

Brigadier Dennis Rendell, presi-

dent of the club, was in the

HM Lord High Commissioner
The Princess Royal, Her Majesty's
Lord High Commissioner to the
General Assembly of the Church of
Scotland, gave a dinner on Sannday
at the Palace of Holyroodhouse.
Among those present were:

The Lord Chancelor and Lady Mackey of Clashlern, Mr Malcolm Riffelind, QC, MP, and Mrs Riffelind, Professor, Maryon, Evans, Ms Angela Morton, Mr Michael Flesch, QC, and Mrs Flesch, Mr and Mrs Eddle Frizzell, Mr and Mrs Charles Hills, and the Sheriff Principal of Tayside, Central and Pife and Mrs Maguire.

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the Palace of Holyroodhouse. Among

Professor John and Dr Elinor Arbuthmott, Mr and Mrs Chay Blyth, Mr and Mrs Gavin Hastings, Mr and Mrs Jackie Shewari and Dr and Mrs Rob Waltwright.

those present were:

Dinners

Parachute 2 Club (1941-45)

lst Gurkha Rifles

thing new this year: species of restios, reedy-looking plants with plume-like seedheads which in recent years have attracted considerable interest from gardeners around

In its educational exhibit. Pershore College of Horticulture, of Pershore, Hereford and Worcester, will publicise its link with the National Botanical Institute of South Africa (it is currently trialing plants Kirstenbosch).

All the top British general and specialist nurseries will also be found in the floral marquee and many will be launching new varieties, not least of which will be roses.

Outside the marquee, many of the gardens are also generously sponsored by large organisations and they are becoming more and more ambitious.

A Scandinavian-style regenerating forest garden has Julie Toll, for Pro Carton, of Stevenage, Hertfordshire, by transporting huge semi-mature trees from a site in Surrey. It has cost £70,000 to construct.

There are also plenty of conventional gardens, such as views of an English garden from Harpers & Queen and Cartier showing the influence of Vita Sackville-West on 20th-century gardening, and a traditional kitchen garden from You magazine and Yardley.

The private view for Royal Horticultural Society members is tomorrow and Wednesday. The show, in the grounds of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, is open to the public on Thursday from 8am to 8pm and Friday from 8am to 5pm. Admission is by ticket only, bought in advance (no tickets at the gates). The 24-hour show information line is 0171 828 1744.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr K.A. Boyles and Ms C.M.B. Bowman The engagement is announced between Kevin, son of Mr and Mrs Freddy' Boyles, of London, and Chantal, daughter of Mr and Mrs Keith Bowman, of Suffolk. Mr J.H.D. Chad

The engagement is announced between James, eldest son of Mr and Mrs David Chads, of Windsor, Berkshire, and Christina, daughter of Mr and Mrs Maurice Bayes, of Chearn, Surrey.

and Miss C.M. Baves

and Miss E. Zilkha The engagement is announced between Nabil son of the late Mr Haskel Fattal and of Mrs Arny Fatta and Eliane, daughter of Mr Elie Zilkha and Mrs John Ritblat.

Mr T.F.J. Kirwan and Miss M. Caines The engagement is announced between Tim, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Kirwan, of West Bridgford, Notingham, and Miranda, younger daughter of Sir John and Lady Caines, of Dulwich, London SE21.

Mr J.P. Lavender and Miss L.J. Scrimgeour The engagement is announced between Jeremy, younger son of Mr and Mrs Laurence Lavender, of Cheam. Surrey. and Lucilla. daughter of Mr Simon Scrimgeour, of Jersey, and Mrs Anthony Covill, of Wimbledon.

Mr J.R. Scammell and Miss S. Stannard The engagement is announced between John, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Donald Scammell, of Westott. Dorking, Surrey, and Sarah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Stannard, of Wighton, Norfolk.

Marriages

and Miss S.E. Benyon

officiated

The marriage took place on

Saturday at St Mark's, Englefield, Berkshire, of Mr Neville McBain,

elder son of Mr and Mrs George

McBain, of Wootton Bassett,

Wiltshire, to Miss Susannah

Benyon, youngest daughter of Sir

William and Lady Benyon, of

Englefield. The Rev Tom Ekin and

Father Michael Seed, SA.

The bride, who was given in

marriage by her father, was attended by William, Georgiana and Rachel Haig, Harry, Thomas

and Frederick Benyon, Charles

and Victoria Benyon, Rosanna and Phineas Riall, Jessamy, Ghislaine

and Clemence Little and Alice and

Freddie McBain. Mr Niall

A reception was held at the home

of the bride and the honeymoon

The marriage took place on Saturday, at St James's Church, Ashwick, Somerset, between Mr

Jonathan Marsh, son of Brigadier

and Mrs Peter Marsh, and Miss

Susannah Hill, younger daughter

of Mr and Mrs Douglas Hill. Canon Paul Lucas officiated.

assisted by Mr Grenville Reakes.

The address was given by the Rev

The bride, who was given in

marriage by her father, was attended by Katherine Meade, Zinnia and Rowland Hill, and James and Alice Chitty. Major

Charles Lambert, The Royal Scots

Dragoon Guards, was best man. The reception was held at the

honeymoon is being spent abroad.

The marriage took place on

Saturday at The Cathedral of Our

Lady and St Philip Howard, Arundel, of Mr Adrian Myers,

elder son of Mr and Mrs Anthony

Myers, of Hainbury, Somerset, to Miss Louise Denny, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John

Denny, of Gustard Wood, Hertfordshire. Pather Hugh

The bride, who was given in

marriage by her father, was attended by Sarah Denny, Zoe Hughes, Rebecca Jasper, Iona

Malcolm Green, Louise Russell-

Pavier, and Jules Emmet. Mr

A reception was held at Arunde

Castle and the honeymoon is being

Oliver Heath was best man.

Lewis-Vivas, OSB, officiated.

Mr A.A.G. Myers and Miss L.C. Denny

McBain was best man.

will be spent in Africa.

Mr J.P.F. Marsh

Richard Coombs.

and Miss S.C. Hill

Mr M.C. Idiens and the Hon Saffron Vestey The marriage took place on Saturday, May 18, at St Andrew's. Chedworth, between Mr Manthew Charles Idiens, only son of the late Commander Simon Idiens, RN, and of Mrs Simon Idiens, and the Hon Saffron Alexandra Vestey. elder daughter of Lord Vestey and Kathryn Lady Vestey, Canon Arthur Dodds officiated, assisted by the Rev David Hutchin.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Rory Fitzherbert. Hannah Öliviennes, Joseph Oliviennes and the Hon Mary Vestey. Mr Benjamin Scott-Thomas was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr D. Zuili and the Hon Emma Howard

The marriage took place on Saturday at Battersea Parish Church of Mr David Zuill, son of Mr and Mrs William Zuill, of Adelaide, Australia, to the Hon Emma Howard, youngest daughter of Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal of Colonsay. Scotland, and Lady Jane Howard, of London. The Rev J. Clarke officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Hannah Joll. Lydia Morris-Jones and Lady Clementine Wallop, Mr Peter Zuili

A reception was held at The Conservatory. Ransome's Dock. and the honeymoon will be spent

Mr J.J.C. Bradbeer

and Miss S.C.Elwes The marriage took place on Saturday at St Mary's, Froyle, Hampshire, of Mr Jeremy Bradbeer, only son of Sir Derek and Lady Bradbeer, of Shilvington, Northumberland, to Miss Serena Elwes, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Nigel Elwes, of Aylesfield, Hampshire. The Rev Richard McLaren officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Charlotte Elwes, Connie Sutton, Natasha Norman, George Waugh and Harry Royds. A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr J.W.S. Hosking and Miss M.C. Cass

The marriage took place on Saturday at St Andrew's, Girton, Cambridge, of Mr John Hosking, roungest son of Mr and Mrs W.J.S. Hosking, of Truro, Cornwall, to Miss Miranda Cass, third daugher of Sir Geoffrey and Lady Cass, of Cambridge, the Rev R. Mackintosh officiated

The bride, who was given on marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Fleur Cass. Mr Michael Barker was best man. A reception was held at the home of the bride.

spent abroad.

Reception

Rotary Club of Loadon

Anniversaries

Mr Leonard Harding, President of the Rotary Club of London, presided at a reception held yesterday at the National Film Theatre to present the Leonardo da Vinci 1996 Award for animation to Ms Joanne

BIRTHS: Hieronymus Pabricius.

Memorial

services

Dame Nita Barrow Barrow Governor-General of Bar-bados from 1990-95, will take place at the Methodist Central Hall, Storey's Gate, Westminster, SWI, on Sunday June 9, at 3pm.

Richard John Gildroy Shaw
The directors of Lowndes Lambert
Group Holdings pic are holding a
service for staff and friends who
would like to remember Richard
Shaw, it will be held on Thursday,
May 20, at poop in 41 Hollings he

May 30, at noon in All Hallows-by-the-Tower, on the corner of Byward Street and Tower Hill, London EC3.

Exeter School

Scholarship Awards 1996

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Prep School.

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Cathedral School: Mizar Priscarelli,
South Dartmoor Community College.

Shaft Foren Art Exhibition: Camilla

Dudley-Cooke, Slover School.

surgeon and pioneer of embryology. Aquapendent, Italy, 1537; William Van Dyke, British Virgin Islands, 1759; John Stuart Mill, philosopher and economist, London, 1806; Wladyslaw Sikorski, soldier, Prime Minister of the Polish Government in Minister of the Poiss Government in exile 1939-43. Tuszów. Narodawy, 1881: Faisal I., King of Iraq 1921-33. Taif, 1883: Mangery Allingham, detec-tive story writer, London, 1904.

DEATHS: Christopher Columbus explorer, Valladolid, Spain, 1506; Thomas Boston, clergyman, Ettrick, 1732; Marie Joseph, Marquis de Lafayette, soldier and statesman, Paris, 1834; John Clare, the "Peasant Poet". Northampton, 1864; Clara Schumann, pianist and composer, Frankfurt am Mair, Germany, 1896; Sir Max Beerbolm, writer and caricaturist, Rapallo, Italy, 1956.

Queen Victoria laid the foundation stone for the Royal Albert Hall, 1867. income tax was declared unconstitu-Pan-American Airways began regular commercial flights between Europe and the United States, 1939. Guy Trebert was the first person to be arrested using an Identikit picture, Paris, 1959.

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BIRTHS

DEL BASSO - On 13th May Suzanne and Luigi. Alfie. DOBELL - On 16th May, to James and Camilla, a son. Arthur, a brother for EWITT - On May 3rd at

Amounter.

HOLMES - On May 13th
1996 at St Mary's Hospital.
Paddington, to Mary (nee
Colchy) and Schastian, a

Anabel (née Staveley) and Paler, a daughter, Lucy Jene Rachel, a gorgeous sister for Tom

DUBLAULT - On 15th May, to

DEATHS ANDREW - Helen Claire peacefully at her house in Harries Whitney. 14th May 1996. Such a short life for one so strong Will be grently mined by all who loved her-hundand lan, children Engly and Daniel, family and many friends. Funeral Service at and Denoe, Island and Heary friends. Funcral Service at The Park Crematorium. Aidershot, Wednesday 22nd May at 12.30 pm. Flowers welcome, or donations in Helen's memocy to E. Floch & Sons. 125 High Street, Aidershot. 1ei: (01252) 22281.

DEATHS

AVERY - Dr. Ronald Wallace on 18th May 1996 in Oxford. The funeral service will be held at \$1 Edmund Hall. Oxford. Thursday 25rd May 1996 at 2 pm. Any enquiries to A.W. Bruce Funeral Directors, tel: (01865) 310907. BATCHELOR - Rivers Tralaway (ex R.N.V.R.) of Greatham, Pulborough, West

Treasury (ex R.N.V.R.) of Greatham, Pulberough, West, Sussex, on 30th April. Missed by his friend Katharine Batchelor (née Jenkins), (ex W.R.N.S.) and sons Jonathan and Dr. Charles Batchelor and grandchildren James, Nicholas and Lucinda who will miss growing up with him. R.I.P.

FORMAN HARDY - Marjorte Sunior, peacetally on May 16th. Beloved wife of the late Colonel Tom Forman Hardy, much loved mother of Nicholas, Delia and the late William, loving grandmother of Victoria, Thomas, Harry, Jonathan and Robert, Fumeral Service at 8t Mary's Church, Car Colston, 11,30m Friday, 24th May, followed by private cremation, Pamily flowers only but donations may be sent to St Mary's PCC, c/o A.W. Lymn, Funeral Directors, Main Street, Radciliffe-on-Trent, Nottingham, Tel: 0116 935 2257.

MEMBROW - Peacefully on May 16th, Philip (Php), aged 85 years, formerly of Gerards Cross, dearly loved husband of Elleen for almost study years, beloved father of Sue and Judy, adored grandfather of Andrew. Ractel, Chris, Kir, and Smart and great-grandfather of Jack and Alex, He will be Jack missed by his family and friends. Cremation at Ameraham Crematorium on Thursday, 23rd May at 3.30pm. Family flowers only please,

EEWIAND - Agnes McKenzie (née Collen), born Hamilton, Scotland, October 18, 1919, died peacefully Mount Verson Hospital, Möddleser, Friday May 17, 1996, Beloved and loyal wife for 82 years of Wilfrid, love mother of Andrew, Jan an

months or Annaew, sea ann Pergos, beloved grammy of Hannah, Chloe and Ian. RLP.

O'SHILIVAN - On May 9th at home. Richard Michael Stanley, aged 40. Funeral at St. James's Parish Church. Little Cacton at 11am on Thursday May 25rd, followed by private cremation. The 9.15 train from Liverpool St. will be met at Thorpe-le-Soken. Memorial service in London to be announced later. Donations if desired to Friends of St Helena's Hospice. 62. Head St. Colchester, CO1 1PB. No letters plague. RCHARDS - On 15th May 1996 at The Morrayfield Hospital. Edinburgh. Archibaid Banks Richards. CA dearly loved maternal of Counse and the late Edin. A greatly loved and respected father. father-in-law, grandfather and uncle, who will be sorely missed. Cremeion private. A Service of Thankspiving and Remembrance will be held in Clumy Parish Church. Morningside on Fridge 24th May at 11.30 am to which all are warmly invited.

SCOTT FLURMEER - Niget Robert on May 16th, Much loved brother of Simon and Andrew. Funeral Service at Guildford Crematorium.

2.50 pm on May 28th. No Dowers. Donations to the

2.30 pm on May 28th. N flowers. Donations to th British Diabetic Association MEMORIAL SERVICES SMITH - A Memorial Requiem in thenkedving for the life and work of Dr. Neil Procter Smith F.R.C.P; F.R.C.Path: F.R.C.R: will be held on Thursday June 20th at 11.30 am at All Saints Church. Margaret Street, London W1.

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Malcolm MacEwen, journalist, writer and countryside campaigner. died on May II aged 84. He was born on December 24, 1911.

VERY much a product of his own age and time, Malcolm MacEwen cut a swath of irrepressible and impudent rebellion through a series of more or less hidebound institutions. Of these the most important were the Communist Party, the Royal Institute of British Architects and the National Parks.

He was born respectably enough, the son of an Inverness solicitor. Sir Alexander MacEwen, who also floated companies in the Far East and fought a significant by-election for the Scottish Nationalists as early as 1933. Malcolm MacEwen read

Forestry at Aberdeen and Law at Edinburgh. While an apprentice solicitor in that city. his student Marxism was reinforced by contemplating the size of the unearned incomes whose tax arrangements he helped to oversee. This brought him into the Communist Party, which he served from 1940 until 1956, first checking the Scottish Daily Worker for libel (not apparently an onerous task), later as a parliamentary candidate when required, then as a party organiser in the North East of England and finally from 1943 on the Daily Worker in London.

These were busy years in which his great natural gifts of organisation, controversy and rhetoric were fully employed, but they were not without darknesses. He wore an artificial limb for most of his life. having lost his right leg in a motorcycle accident when he was only 21. This did not, for instance, stop him stumping briskly up Kinder Scout at the age of 70, when he attended the 50th anniversary of the mass trespass on the once forbidden Peak District hills.

In 1937 he married Barbara Stebbing, who died in 1944 from the complications of her diabetes. They had a daughter born so mentally and physically handicapped that she could not live outside an institution. In his autobiography MacEwen touches briefly on the anguish of the decisions this involved for the parents and, after Barbara's death, for

MALCOLM MacEWEN



for the Daily Worker was to serve as its House of Commons Gallery man, but he also did a spell as foreign editor. With E. P. Thompson and others, he was a strong advocate of internal party democracy and he broke with the Worker when it suppressed its own reporter's dispatches from the Hungarian Revolution in 1956. Shortly afterwards he left the party too, having been involved in setting up The New Reasoner

and New Left Review. MacEwen was never ashamed of his party years and gued that, whatever the crimes of Stalinism (and he was not blind to them), the rank and file of the party had fought a good fight from Spain, through the Nazi occupation of Europe and on to Greece and beyond. The repression of the Left in Greece, which he reported on for the Daily Worker, made a powerful and lasting impression upon him. He relaunched himself as a

journalist on The Architects' Journal, then a very lively forum, where he produced an early analysis of the environmental and social disadvan-

issue called Motropolis. He spent the 1960s and early 1970s with the Royal Institute of British Architects where he eventually became director of public affairs. Shortly after retiring from RIBA he produced Crisis in Architecture. which was sharply critical of the institute and of the draining of social concern from modern architecture. It says a let for his lack of rancour in debate that RIBA nevertheless

made him an honorary fellow. MacEwen's third career began in retirement in the Somerset village of Wootton MacEwen's principal job remained a Marxist. He ar- tages of the car in a special Courtenay where, on the him.

nomination of the Ramblers' Association, he was given a suat on the Exmoor National Park committee, and swiftly determined to stop the ploughing up of the park's dwindling open moors, a process which, in his view, the committee was aiding and abening. The somnolent members of the committee never knew what had hit them; as an old hand at CP and RIBA infighting, he ran rings round them by his command of rhetoric and publicity. After several years of his lone battling, the Government set up an inquiry headed by

the Queen's racing manager,

Lord Porchester, who found

comprehensively and un-equivocally that MacEwen

was right and that the commit-

tee, the National Farmers' Union and the Country Landowners' Association were wrong. The moors were safe. There followed two books on the National Park system written jointly with Ann. his second wife, whom he had married in 1947. In effect, they became the intellectual conscience of the British National Park system in which, for a handful of outstanding land-

scapes, local government and

the voluntary movement are yoked in an uneasy and not always workable partnership. Ann trained as an architect and became an architect-planner with the London County Council and was later a member of Colin Buchanan's partnership. They brought up their daughters in a tall house on Tanza Road next to Hampstead Heath. Rather self-consciously. MacEwen asserted that this was the unfashionable end of Hampstead, a claim that became increasingly untenable as the district

moved upmarket. He took an active interest in the amenities of the area. One of the longest speeches he ever made was in Hampstead Town Hall where, having risen to fill a 15-minute slot, he found himself covering for an expected speaker who failed to turn up. Ad lib and noteless, he went on for more than an hour and a half - not in the cause of communism but of the local suburban railway line which Dr Beeching had marked down for closure. Dr Beeching lost.

He is survived by his wife Ann, a daughter by the second marriage and two stepdaughters. The daughter from his first marriage predeceased

PROFESSOR GEOFFREY DAWES

Professor Geoffrey Dawes, CBE, FRS, Director of the Nuffield Institute for Medical Research, Oxford, 1948-85, died on May 6 aged 78. He was born on January 21, 1918.

GEOFFREY DAWES was a pioneering and international figure in foetal physiology for more than thirty years. A product of the Oxford schools of Physiology and Pharmacology, he pursued a long and productive career that not only contributed substantially to the modern science of foetal physiology but, after his retirement, to the development of numerical systems of analysing the foetal heart-rate in human beings. These latter are now used for diagnosis in Obstetrics departments worldwide.

Geoffrey Sharman Dawes was educated at Repton and New College, Oxford, where he was a commoner. The examiners who placed him in the first class in Animal Physiology in 1939 greatly surprised his own tutor; but they had detected the clear intelligence and flair for the subject that were to bring Dawes such distinction in later life.

After qualifying medically in 1943, he worked under Professor J. H. Burn in the Department of Pharmacology at Oxford. A Rockefeller Travelling Fellowship in 1946 sent him for a year to the United States, where a paper on the pharmacology of the receptors in the heart gained him a personal letter of commendation from the editors of the journal to which he had submitted it.

Dawes returned to Oxford

as university demonstrator in Pharmacology and fellow and lecturer of Worcester College in 1947. At once he was awarded a Foulerton research fellowship of the Royal Society, which he held while continuing to work at Oxford. In 1948 those who had not followed his work carefully were astounded by his election, at the age of 30, to the directorship of the Nuffield Institute for Medical

Over the years, he moulded

Research.

this into a first-class laboratory of experimental physiology. With characteristic good sense he chose a field of study that needed neither expert knowledge of other so unduly elaborate equipment - but that all the same had been badly neglected. Dawes's investigations into the respiratory and cardiovascular function of newborn mammals, which he carried out in sheep and from time to time in monkeys in Puerto Rico, were of worldwide repute. It is sad that recognition in his own

country was so long delayed. Dawes had considerable administrative ability. He served on the General Board of the Faculties and other important bodies, where his fresh approach and sound judgment were much valued. He was elected to the fellowship of the Royal Society in 1971 and was appointed CBE in 1981. He also served as a member and, later as chairman, of the editorial board of the British Journal of Pharmacology and Chemotherapy.

After his retirement in 1985 he remained relentlessly busy. No one could be found to continue the work of foetal physiology in the Nuffield Institute, which was transformed into a very different research centre (it is now the Institute of Molecular Medicine). Dawes was immediately recruited as the first director of a similar establishment — the Sunley Research Centre at

Charing Cross Hospital. Even in his later years. original papers (more than to flow from his pen; they described his pioneering analyses of human foetal heart rate patterns. Such are recorded routinely in every obstetric department in the Western world for diagnostic purposes; but Dawes was the first to appreciate that, without objective numerical measurements, their interppretation could never be exact.

To analyse the large volume of data, computerised methods were necessary. Dawes was quick to capitalise on new computer technology to develop a system that not only is widely used now as a clinical tool but was honoured with a British Design Award in 1990 for the elegance of its presentation and methods. Three days before his sudden death he was eagerly planning the next phase of his analyses with the zest, enthusiasm and scientific precision that characterised all his work.

His retirement gave him other opportunities: he continued with his lifelong love of fly fishing and enjoyed being able to commit more time to gardening. He travelled widely for relaxation and to attend scientific meetings where he was often a major contributor. His day began at 5am but there was always time to welcome visitors and guests. whose company and friendship he hugely enjoyed.

Those who knew him well. and noted with admiratio uncomplaining way in which he faced the asthma which affected him all his life, held him in great affection, and admired his character no less than his intellectual

In 1941 he married Margaret Monk, who survives him with their two sons and two daughters.

J. D. A. LANGLEY



match in May 1967 at Royal St George's, Sandwich

John Langley, amateur golfer, died in London on April 27 aged 78. He was born in Northwood Middlesex. on April 25.

1918. JOHN LANGLEY achieved sporting fame as a prodigious choolboy golfer. In April 1936, during the Easter holidays from Stowe, he reached the final of the English Amateur Championship at Deal. on the strength of which he was chosen to play, later that year, for Great Britain and Ireland against the United States in the Walker Cup at Pine Valley, New Jersey. The invitation to play in the Walker Cup, even then the greatest and most intensely contested of all amateur golf matches, had actually been sent to him at school.

John Douglas Algernon Langley was fortunate in that Stowe was one of the very few schools in those days to have its own golf course, and he used it to fit in what practice he could for the Walker Cup between captaining the school cricket XI and averaging 70

with the bat. in the week that he boarded the ship which took the British team from Glasgow to Boston. he scored 98 not out for the Public Schools against the Army at Lord's. Langley revealed a fine array of strokes." said Wisden. No other 18-yearold can ever have had a

sporting month quite like it, nor, in the more austere climate which prevails today. is any successor ever likely to do so.

Langley had reached the final of the English championship, in which he lost to H. G. Bentley, from a field which included C. J. H. Tolley, R. H. Wethered, L. G. Crawley, G. A. Hill, J. J. F. Pennink. G. H. Micklem. R. H. Oppenheimer and Charlie Stowe - all the best English players of the day, in

Of his victory over Tolley in the semi-final. Bernard Darwin wrote in The Times: "This was a remarkable achievement by a very fine young golfer, who plays the game not only with a mechanical precision, rare indeed in one of his age, but plays it in a manner, quiet, modest and serene, such as is a real pleasure to see. But over 36 holes at Pine Valley, Langley found the

Americans too strong for him. Back from the States, he went up to Cambridge where P. B. Lucas, captain of the golf side, gave him his Blue on his first day in residence, a unique departure. Only two years Langley's senior. Lucas had overlapped with him at Stowe and been a member of the same British Walker Cup side. Of the Cambridge golf side in 1937, no fewer than five were Old Stoics. In 1938 Langley added a cricket Blue to his golf

Blue, making 119 against Glamorgan at Swansea, his one first-class century, and he was just as good at squash; but golf was his main game.

For ten years after going down from Cambridge, Langley lived in Australia. He was a pilot in the Royal Australian Air Force in the Second World War, mainly in the Pacific, He returned to Britain and briefly went into the family business Stelcon, which made industrial flooring for factories (not a line of country which he particularly enjoyed).

He married the daughter of Sir Norman Brookes, who in 1907 had become the first Australian, indeed the first overseas player, to win the Wimbledon Singles title. In 1950, this time as an adult. Langley went back to Deal and won the English Amateur Championship, beating Ian Patey of Hayling Island in the final.

He played twice more in the Walker Cup, in 1951 and 1953, his best effort coming in the foursomes at Birkdale in 1951 when he and Cecil Ewing halved with Charlie Coe and James McHale Jr, two great American amateurs. Langley won the Golf Illustrated Gold Vase in 1952 and 1953, and became chairman of the Walker Cup selectors from 1967 to 1969 before seeking golfing

His wife Hersey survives him.

JOHN PATTON GC

John Patton, GC, OBE, former Minister of Public Works. Fisheries and Agriculture in Bermuda, died on May 13 aged 80. He was born in Warwick, Bermuda, on August 29, 1915.

ALTHOUGH he was not a member of the Bomb Disposal Unit, John Patton was prepared to risk his life unhesitatingly when during a daylight raid a bomb fell on the Vickers aircraft factory at Weybridge on September 21, 1940. At the time he was stationed in England with the Royal Canadian Engineers. The bomb lay on the ground where it had fallen without exploding.
Patton could see no obvious

means of disarming it, so decided to remove it to a safe place as quickly as possible, sincerely hoping that it had a long-delay fuse.

With the help of another officer, he manhandled the bomb onto a sheet of corrugated iron which was then hitched up to a lorry. The bomb was then towed away and tumbled into an existing bomb crater, where it later exploded with great violence, but without causing any damage. Patton's George Cross, gazetted on December 17. 1940. acknowledged his bravery and presence of mind. Had the bomb exploded before it was able to be deposited in the crater it would have killed him and severely disrupted aircraft production.

John MacMillan Stevenson Patton was born in Bermuda but grew up in Canada, to where he moved at the age of six with his mother after the death of his father. They settled in Burlington, Ontario, and Patton was educated at Trinity College School; Westdale Collegiate Institute: Queen's University, Kingston; and Dalhousie University. When war broke out in 1939

he wanted to join the Corps of Royal Canadian Engineers but was turned down because of a hammer toe. Unperturbed, he had the offending protuberance surgically removed and reapplied. This time he was accepted. He was serving as a lieutenant in the Royal Canadian Engineers 1st Battalion at the time of the air raid on the Vickers factory. After the war Patton re-

turned to Bermuda, where he played an influential role in community life as a magistrate and politician. Holding a seat in the Bermuda Parliament from 1958 to 1974, he was founder member of the United Bermuda Party. Under its first leader. Sir Henry Tucker, he served as Minister of Public Works and Fisheries from 1968 to 1974. He was also a member of the Board of Education, 1950-63, and was chairman of the Marine Board, the Board of Works and of a number of other committees. He was appointed OBE for his work for the community.

In retirement he enjoyed working his garden and also visiting flea markets, where old gadgets and machines were a source of perennial fascination to him.

John Patton's first marriage was dissolved. He is survived by his second wife Ann, and by the four sons and two daughters of his first marriage.

Appointments The Rev Philip Arnold, previously

working in the diocese of Exeter: to be Assistant Curate, Rawmarsh w Parkgate, Rotherham (Sheffield). The Rev Anthony Bartlett, Priestin-charge, Hendon. St Ignatius: to be Vicar of that benefice (Durham). The Rev Nigel Beer, Curate. Rastrick St Matthew (Wakefield): to be Curate, Bilton (Ripon).

The Rev Lawrence Bond, Assistant Curate, Saffron Walden Team Ministry: to be Team Vicar, Saffron Walden Team Ministry (Chelmstord). The Rev Tony Burdon, Vicar, St

John the Evangelist and St Stephen, Reading: to be Associate Priest. California St Mary and St John, and Adviser for Prayer and Spirituality in the Berkshire Arch-Alleaconry (Oxford).

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Victoria Docks, St Luke (Chelmsford): to be Honorary Curate. Northbourne and Great Mongeham group of parishes (Canterbury).

The Rev Simon Howard, Curate. St Martin and St Thomas, Cambridge (Ely): to be Priest-in-charge, Lower Earley, Trinity Church LEP (Oxford).

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The Rev Richard Knowling, Vicar, St John, Palmers Green: to be also Area Dean of Enfield (London). The Rev David Lloyd, permission to officiate (St Albans): to be Vicar. Bampion w Clanfield (Oxford). The Rev Karen MacKinnon, Cu-

rate. Si Mary Magdalene w Si Francis. Lockleaze: to be Priest-incharge of that parish (Bristol). The Rev Michael Marshall, Vicar. St Alban, Streatham Park: to be Vicar, St John the Evangelist Blackheath (Southwark).

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The Rev Tony Sharpe, Assistant Curate (NSM), St James the Great, Leigh-on-Sea: to be Assistant Curate (NSM). St Augustine, Thorpe Bay (Chelmsford). The Rev Jim Siller. Vicar. Potternewton: to be also Diocesan

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BRITAIN'S LITTLE FAMINE ON THIS DAY GUESTS. HAPPY HOMES FOR STARVING ENEMIES.

(From Our Correspondent.)

Richborough, May 19. From the maze of war wreckage that is gradually being dispersed from Richborough there is emerging a centre that is shortly to be used for the reception of the children of countries that have felt the pinch of war far more than those of the Allies. Next week will arrive the first batch of 500 children from what were enemy lands. They are to be, in the first place, the guests at Richborough of the Famine Area Children's Hospitality Committee, a charitable organisation supported chiefly by voluntary effort and backed up by the British Government, with the object of arranging hospitality for such children. At the head of affairs in London is Commander L. Cather. R.N., who has all the information necessary for placing 1,500 children in English homes, where they are to remain for a year as the guests of private people. Most of the children, who are largely of the better class, are coming from Austria at present, but there may be arrivals later from Germany, and perhaps some Belgian children will be included. Mr.

May 20, 1920

HOMEOR

At the end of the First World War those

countries which had been defeated had to face shortages of every description: there were stories of children wrapped in paper and dying of starvation

Jones, superintendent of the Hospitality Committee, discussed with me the objections that may be made to England receiving these famine-stricken children. "It may be asked," he said, "why we should do this for the children of our former enemies. The answer is that none of our own children has suffered anything like as much. When we read of children being wrapped in paper because clothing is so scarce, and of children dying of starvation, we know how much worse it has been for them than it has been for our English children." Mr. Jones agrees with the principle of extending hospitality to these children from the Continent. We cannot, he argued, allow the

children even of our enemies, to become a rickety, weakly race by slow starvation. They will learn, moreover, something of the British character, and this should do good in creating A NIGHT IN CHINATOWN

At the Guildhall yesterday, Frank William Howroyd and William Alfred Charles Dickinson,

two youths, were charged with being concerned in ing raw opium and morphine to the value of £39 from the warehouse of Messrs. Willows, Francis, Butler, and Thompson, wholesale druggists, of Aldergeate-street. A Chinaman named Wong Fat, who lives at Pennyfields, Poplar, was charged with receiving the stolen drugs, and with being in possession of loaded firearms. Dickinson said that after he and Howroyd left Aldersgate-street they went to Pennyfields, where a sailor introduced them to Wong Fat. They showed him the raw opium and he said "Follow me." He took them through side streets, and after having left the opium at a house, he took them to a Chinese turant, where he gave them each E5. He then took them to a place to sleep. Next morning he gave them another £! each, and told them to meet him at Hyde Park on the following Sunday. They kept the appointment, and he handed over another £12. The Alderman sentenced Wong Fat to two months' imprisonment, with hard labour, and said there would be a recommendation for deportation. The other prisoners were remanded.

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Blair plans select inner Cabinet

■ Tony Blair is likely to create a small inner Cabinet to coordinate and direct strategy if Labour wins the general election. His advisers believe the central machinery of government needs to be strengthened to ensure no loss of momentum and that focus is kept on the main objectives. The group would include Mr Blair, John Prescott, Gordon Brown and Robin Cook, the party leadership's present "big four".....

Gambaccini sent down by Radio 3

■ Paul Gambaccini, the former Radio I disc jockey described as the "most hated man on radio" when he took over as presenter of Radio 3's Morning Collection, is leaving the show. The "downmarket" American, 47, blamed other commitments. The announcement, eight months after the programme's launch, will be viewed as a victory for traditionalists Page I

Karadzic at helm

Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, was believed to be in full control of the Bosnian Serb republic despite his having nominally handed over some responsibilities . Page 1

Housewives' choice?

A woman jockey has been booked to ride in the Derby next month for the first time in the race's 216year history. ... Page 1

'False patriots'

Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, seeks to wrest the patriotism vote from the Conservatives tonight by claiming the party has abused and debased patriotismPage 2

Couple killed

A British woman and her French husband, who were carrying £70,000 in cash, have been found murdered in their car which was at the bottom of a canal in eastern

Different goal

Organised groups of rival supporters with links to neofascist parties are planning violent clashes to disrupt next month's European football championship.Page 4

Dream village

After four years and £42 million, renovation of Glympton House and 21 adjoining properties is near completion, fulfilling a prince's dreamPage 5 party...

Blowing whistle

Britain's biggest teaching union says it will halt sports matches unless teachers get "cast-iron guarantees" that they are fully insured when supervising

Gulf War tests

A million-dollar study to determine if Gulf War syndrome has affected British soldiers is being undertaken in Britain, at the Pentagon's expense..

Killing country

Hours after a close friend became the latest of hundreds of contract killings, Cambodian Opposition politician Sam Rainsy accused the country's de facto Communist leader of being a tyrant heading a terrorist state..

Tibetan defiance

Monks at Tibet's main monasteries, infuriated by a ban on pictures of the Dalai Lama, are openly defying China Page 9

Smugglers out

Peter Caruana, Gibraltar's new Chief Minister has promised, in an interview with The Times, to reform the Rock's "smugglers" cove" imagePage i0

Russian role

Israel's next Prime Minister may well be decided by more than 600,000 Russian immigrants many of whom will be voting for Nathan Sharansky's newPage II

Plainly a hoax of the cultural kind

■ A New York University physicist appalled by trendy leftwing scholarship has hoaxed the academic journal that helped to invent the growing field of cultural studies into publishing a spoof entitled Transgressing the Boundaries: Towards a Transformative Hermeneutics of Quantum Gravity and packed with pseudo-intellectual gobbledygook............... Page 11



Children of Her Majesty's Chapels Royal St James's Palace, in their distinctive Tudor livery, and members of the Choir of Hampton Court Palace prepare for Evensong at Hampton Court yesterday. The choirs work together only twice each year

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the Prudential Corporation are set to challenge the company's new executive bonus scheme that pays out even if the company is an underperformer within the top 100 quoted companies _____ Page 40

Shares set: Railtrack provisionally priced its shares at 380p for the public and 390p for institutional investors, raising £1.9 billion for the Government.... Page 40

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Spotlight on Degas For guest curator Richard Kendall, the Degas show at the National Gallery is "a dream exhibition" focusing on a

little-known period of the artist's life, his later years Familiar sounds: Jacques Loussier brought his souped-up Bach to the Festival Hall in a concert

that handed out the same old

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Young stars: The National Opera Studio's annual gala showed off the cream of today's postgraduate Page 13

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Bentall writes.

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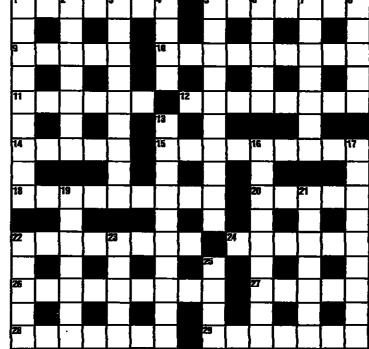
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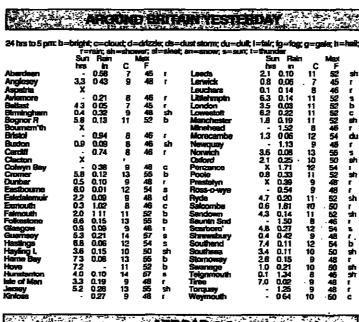
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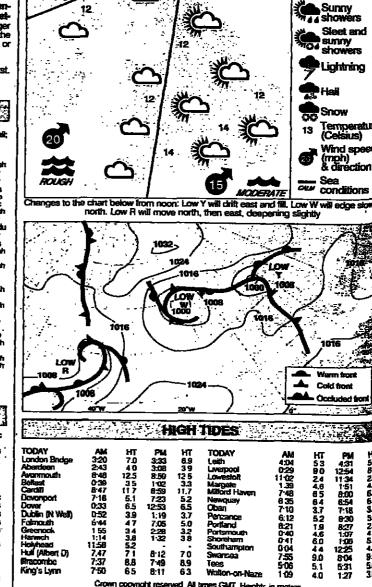
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Schumacher, left, after his first-lap mistake, and Hill, on the 41st lap, return disconsolately to the pits, while Panis, the unheralded Frenchman, celebrates his debut victory in time-honoured fashion

It's Monte Carlo and bust

FROM OLIVER HOLT IN MONTE CARLO

THE Casino shook, the guests in the Hôtel de Paris blanched and the onlookers on the yachts bobbing in the harbour choked on their champagne. Amid all the opulence of Monaco, the aristocrats of Formula One slipped into the gutters of the Principality and let the paupers take control of the streets. It seemed fitting that a Frenchman should lead the revolution yesterday.

The shocks to the establishment began when Michael Schumacher smashed his Ferrari into the barriers on the first lap. Damon Hill was undone by a blown engine on his Williams-Renault and Jean Alesi was cheated of victory by a suspension problem that crippled his Benetton-Renault. The stage was set for the little men to strike back.

In the end it was Olivier Panis, a self-effacing character, who can send his infant son to sleep by driving him round the streets of Grenoble in the middle of the night if he will not stop crying, woke his nation from the torpor of what appeared to be a routine race and caused one of the biggest upsets of recent Formula One history by grabbing a swash-buckling debut victory in his Ligier Mugen-Honda.

By the end of the race, Panis was picking his way through the wreckage of shattered cars at every turn as his rivals fell away like horses at the Grand National. Only the Frenchman. David Coulthard, in a McLaren-Mercedes, and Johnny Herbert, in a Sauber-Ford, completed the 75 laps possible in the two hours

allowed.

Heavy rain and the demands of the narrow, twisting track that leaves no room for error and mesmerises the drivers contributed to the treachery of the occasion. Five, including Schumacher, did not make it around the first lap, so great was the attrition, it set a new record for the least number of finishers in a grand prix, beating the four that made it to the chequered flag here 30 years ago.

The French, though, were oblivious to all that. The spectators who crowded the hillsides below the Grimaldis-castle and crammed themselves on to every available balcony, every seat of every grandstand, went from despair to joy as first, victory slipped from Alesi's grasp, and then Panis held off a charge from Coulthard.

The catalogue of crashes

Retired, pits

Lap 10

Retired, pits

In pits at finish

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Villeneuve crashed out

and errors, and specifically the collision involving his team-mate, Jacques Villeneuve, on the 67th lap, left Hill's 21-point championship lead in tact. His pursuers

> Driver error Lap 2

Lap5

seem so incapable of putting a consistent challenge together that Panis's win, Ligier's first since Jacques Laffite won in Canada 15 years ago, moved him up to fourth place even though he had previously

garnered just one point.

Imagine Tim Henman winning Wimbledon to clinch his first tournament victory and you might get an idea of the shock value of Panis's win. There will be a Monaco party," he said. "This is what I came into Formula One to do and I am so happy for myself and for the team. It was a nerve-racking finish with David so close behind and I was worried about whether we had enough fuel left but I just concentrated on trying to drive smoothly and not mak-

Harris Brands

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David Coulthard

3 Johnny Herbert Did not finish but d

ing a mistake.

HOW THE WHEELS FELL OFF IN MONACO

Crashed in warm-up

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Panis started the race from fourteenth position on the grid but moved up quickly as others including Schumacher, who admitted that his accident had been caused by his own misjudgment on the slippery

track, were forced out.

By the 33rd lap, he had moved up to fourth place, improving so quickly it almost took the breath away. On the 34th lap, he went five seconds quicker than Hill, the leader.

The chase to try to catch Hill, though, appeared a forlorn one. Hill had overtaken Schumacher at the start and streaked away from the rest of the field, confounding his critics again and establishing himself as one of the masters

(C) (Mirabeau

of wet-weather driving as Alesi laboured in his wake. Perhaps the desire to win little change of fortune. Alesi made an uneventful stop for fresh tyres and fuel on the 54th lap and retained a comfortable lead over Panis. Six laps later, without warning, he was back. After a long stop and much scratching stop and much scratching stop and fevered inspection.

chins and fevered inspection of the car, he was sent back out. The next lap, he came back in and retired.

Panis was left with a lead of 2.8sec over Couthhard, who is driving so brilliantly at the moment that he is leaving his team-mate, Mika Hakkinen, in the shade. But the Scotcould not close the gap and backed off in the final laps to be sure of his second place.

Herbert, who has had a lean time since his move from Benetton to Sauber this year, was already a comfortable

Graham, made his own

spurred him on, but by the

time he dropped out on the

41st lap, he was 26sec clear of Alesi. "Maybe I am destined

never to win here," he said.

But I will be back to try again

next year. I am doing my best

to put a brave face on it. I hope

it will not be too costly in the

championship."
After Hill's exit, Alesi was

left with a lead of nearly 32sec

over Panis and seemed as

certain of victory as the En-

glishman had been. He has

had a trying time, of late, with a rash of mistakes and hints

that his girlfriend, Kumiko,

has been discouraged from

coming to races lest she prove

time since his move from Benetton to Sauber this year, was already a comfortable third before his pursuers, Hakkinen and Salo, were involved in a three-car collision with Irvine to complete the race devastation.

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Poor cornering takes edge off race drama

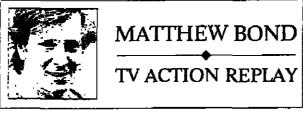
esterday may have been a bad day for Damon Hill and Michael Schumacher but, for a certain Monagasque television director, it was an unmitigated professional disaster. If he or she never works again ... well, an army of British Formula One enthusiasts will be

The coverage of the actionpacked first lap from Monte Carlo was dreadful. Missing incidents later in the race is understandable — the cars are spread out over the entire track and not even the best director in the world can hope to have them all in shot at the vital moment. But missing the first corner . . .? Unbelievable. All weekend, the experts had been trotting out the same

message: you cannot pass at Monte Carlo, so getting to the first corner in the lead is vital. The excellent John Watson had said it about a dozen times during Eurosport's coverage of the qualifying session on Saturday. On the BBC, the eccentric Murray Walker conceded it was even a bit of a cliché. Cliché or not come the big moment on Sunday, when the red lights went out, we all sat back to enjoy the race to the

Out went the lights, Hill and Schumacher screamed out of the bottom of our screens and ... and ... the camera stared

back down the start grid. convinced that checking the back-markers had all got away would make better television than the tedious stuff going on at the wants to see Hill burning up the reigning world champion:



metal, the cameras lingered

lovingly on Jacques Ville-

neuve, who was trundling

around about twelth. Ville-

neuve, as Watson would later

remind us, used to live in

This is the BBC's final

season of Formula One. at

least for the next three years.

so I thought it might be prudent to prepare for the

brave new commercial future

by spending the weekend not with Walker and the team, but

with Eurosport, the pan-Euro-

Monte Carlo.

or, indeed, said world champion tangling terminally with the crash barrier; or even any of the other events that, in less than a minute, left the world's best-known street track looking more like a car park?

To be fair, the local director had given due warning that he was not up to the job on Saturday, when the lap that appeared to propel Hill to pole position was studiously ig-nored by the cameras. While the current world championship leader applied pedal to

pean satellite channel that not only covered the race and qualifying session (using the same pictures as the BBCI but also showed the early-morning warm-up and, a little later. the hugely-exciting practice session in the rain.

Eurosport has already faced the challenge that will confront ITV next year - how to make money from a continuous, high-speed sporting event lasting two hours. ITV says it is still considering the form and frequency of its commercial breaks, but let us hope it comes up with something better than its would-be rival. Presumably fed up with trying to second-guess when might be a good moment for a few the satellite channel plonks its commercial breaks every 15 minutes.

that might (I say might) earn the gratitude of understanding viewers, we get two or three minutes of normal, glossy television advertising that undoes all the good work so enthusiastically done by Watson in the commentary box. And then there are the interminable plugs for spon-sors. "And now back to Formula One ..." says someone with all the urgency of a tortoise on valium: ... with Ford" or "with Goodyear." It

buy-this-buy-that and now

back to the racing approach

was midway through "back to Formula One . . .with Coca-Cola . . . always for the fans" that Hill's engine exploded. By the time pictures were restored Hill was just trundling to a stop. If this is the future, then we better get used to missing a lot more than the first corner.

Pugh warns England to join other unions

VERNON PUGH, chairman of the Welsh Rugby Union, has warned England, the five nations' champions, that the tournament next season will proceed without them unless they sign a television deal granting equal shares to all participants. "If England decide not to participate in the five nations' TV agreement, we will run a championship without them next season," he said.

England officials believe they deserve the greater share of the proceeds from any television contract and intend to negotiate alone. Pugh was hopeful that a compromise can be reached: "Nobody wants to lose the traditional five nations. It is a cornerstone in the fluctuating state of rugby. We are desperate to preserve it and I am still confident that we will have our normal five nations next season and thereafter."

Thorburn steps aside

SNOOKER: Cliff Thorburn, the only overseas winner of the Embassy world championship, in 1980, has decided not to enter any of the ten world-ranking tournaments scheduled for 1996-97 after falling from 41st to 91st in the standings last season. In nine qualifying matches for various events last season, the 48-year-old Canadian failed to record a single victory. Unlike Terry Griffiths, the 1979 world champion, who announced his retirement last week, Thorburn has not discounted the possibility of a return, but only if the qualifying system is altered. Thorburn will represent Canada at the World Cup in Bangkok in October.

Muster's feat of clay

TENNIS: Thomas Muster, right, the top seed, won the Italian Open men's singles title for the second consecutive year yesterday when he beat Richard Krajicek, the unseeded Dutchman, 6-2, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 in Rome. The Austrian's title took his record on clay since the beginning of 1995 to 94 wins and three defeats and made him the first man in the open era to win the Italian



Burt breaks British duck

MOTOR SPORT: Kelvin Burt became the first Briton to secure a victory in the Auto Trader RAC touring car championship this season when he won round seven at Silverstone yesterday. His win for Volvo also interrupted the domination of the event this year by the four-wheel drive cars, although Frank Biela, the championship leader, responded by winning round eight for Audi to extend his lead to 36 points.

Fahey fights back

REAL TENNIS: Robert Fahey, from Tasmania, the world champion, made a spectacular comeback against the British No I, Julian Snow, to reach the final of the Laurent-Perrier Masters championship at the Queen's Club, London. Fahey, who recovered to win i-6. i-6, 6-3, 6-1, 6-1, will meet his fellow Australian, Wayne Davis, the former world champion, who defeated Chris Bray, from Petworth, 6-4, 6-2, 6-1 in the other

Kenyan finishes in style

ATHLETICS: William Musyoki. of Kenya, won the Prague international marathon yesterday, beating Tena Negere, of Ethiopia, by six seconds. Kundrotas Ceslovas, of Lithuania, finished third. Musyoki completed the race in 2hr 12min 21sec, with Ceslovas crossing the line nearly 212 minutes behind the winner. "It was a good race - and the weather was fine," Musyoki said. Yelena Vinitskaya, of Belorussia, won the women's event in 2hr 37min 33sec.

Lomu secures final say

RUGBY UNION: Jonah Lomu, right, the New Zea-land wing, ran in two of eight tries as Auckland overwhelmed Northern Transvaal, of South Africa. 48-11 in their Super 12 semi-final yesterday. The New Zea-land side secured a home final against Natal, who were 43-25 winners over Queensland. Sean Fitzpatrick, the Auckland captain, said: "It was like a Test



Master in charge

RIFLE SHOOTING: Chief Petty Officer Nigel Ball. the Royal Navy target rifle champion, who is to become shooting master at Gresham's School, Norfolk, when he retires from the Navy later in the year, won all the main events at the school's open meeting at Bisley on Saturday. including the grand aggregate competition, in which he

Simms celebrates as Blue Sox secure their first Super League victory

Halifax end bleak run after Leeds surrender

Halifax Blue Sox32

By Christopher Irvine

HALIFAX Blue Sox finally achieved their first victory in the Stones Super League yesterday after a series of encouraging performances that had ended in defeat. Like Leeds. their victims, it had been thought that Halifax would be contenders for rugby league's new honours, but while they took the plaudits of their followers at the finish. Leeds trooped off to jeers after their sixth and most dispiriting

Four days previously, Steve Simms, the coach, had received the dreaded vote of confidence from the Halifax board. He can rest a little more easily after his side broke its duck so emphatically, but the same cannot be said

Results and tables ..

of Dean Bell, his Leeds counterpart. "I'm not going to give up. but it's so depressing." Bell said. They showed no desire, no anything."

Leeds remain a place above Halifax in the lower reaches of the Super League, but games away to Bradford and at home to Wigan in the next 12 days must fill Bell with horror after this dismal showing.

Though Leeds sides of the recent past have gone through patchy spells, a recovery of the sort that could ultimately be required to stave off relegation appears to be way beyond a cam so pitifully low on confidence and starting to lose a grip on even the basics of the

Opportunities for tries were squandered by crass handling errors, while the support of team-mates appeared an alien concept. Leeds, who had recovered from 27-10 down to win the corresponding fixture last season, had no answer once Halifax edged ahead late

From 12-8 in arrears, and despite suffering a few probshowing the necessary desire. rattled up 24 points without reply, admittedly against a compliant defence.

Craig Dean, in the week of his call to Wales's European championship squad, contributed two tries in Halifax's second win at Headingley in ten visits. His organisation at scrum half contrasted with the way that Dean Clark, opposite him, suffered on his home debut because of the lethargy of those around him. It was hardly surprising that Clark was led off dazed towards the

fumbled. Gibbons was once guilty of the latter, under Amoney's steepling boot, and although Hassan and Cummins had Bentley covered, the wing was able to pop the ball out to the unmarked Dean.

stored Leeds's lead only briefly. This time, Hassan, under no pressure, dropped Dean's crossfield kick and Umaga nipped in. Schuster added a further penalty before Leeds surrendered three tries in eight minutes early in the second period. Dean was put in by Perrett, Rowley lunged

wing for the next try. Halifax then withstood the home side's hapless attacking efforts. A number of home supporters had gone home by the time that Shaw grabbed a consolation touchdown.

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The encouragement Leeds received at the start, of a try by Anthony Gibbons, was undone by indiscipline in various forms. Iro's only connection in the game was his blow to Hallas's solar plexus, which gave Schuster the first of his

Whenever Halifax launched

Holroyd's prancing run reover from acting half back.



Ekoku, of Halifax Blue Sox, is brought to ground by the attentions of three Leeds rivals yesterday

Vibrant Wigan drive home message

Workington Town 16 Wigan64

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

WIGAN return to extracurricular rugby union activities this week after a brief spell at more prosaic duties. In five days, they have put a total of 114 points past Workington Town and Halifax Blue Sox. the bottom clubs in the rugby league Super League.

Critics felt that Wigan had bitten of; more than they could chew, but they have gorged themselves on union and league opposition. However, giving a good account of themselves and their code is what they must aim for in the return cross-code meeting. If Bath needed reminding that fast and loose is the short route to embarrassment at Twickenham on Saturday.

Wigan's II tries at Derwent Park reinforced the message that they will be allowed possession at Bath's peril.

What, though, would the 15man code gain from Bath making life so claustrophobic in rucks, mauls and the set piece that it blots out players of extravagant skills, sneed and finesse, which league actively encourages and union appar-

Far from taking their minds off the job. Wigan have risen to the different challenges better than the one St Helens faced; their two-point lead of the Super League involved improbable comebacks to beat London and Warrington last week while Wigan have piled up a superior 93-points

differential. Phil Larder's selection of Bobbie Goulding, of St Hel-ens, ahead of Shaun Edwards

for the European champion-

appropriate one on form until a week ago. Since then, the England coach has been given a couple of telling nudges by the Wigan scrum half, who was involved in all but one of the tries at Workington on Saturday night.



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Britons grasp judo medals | Monarchs' victory |

By JOHN GOODBODY

THE Great Britain judo team yesterday began a triumphant march towards Atlanta by European championships in The Hague.

Danny Kingston, a lightweight, and Sharon Rendie, a featherweight, both took gold medals as Britain provided ample evidence that they will continue their remarkable success at the Olympics over the past 24 years. Kingston; from the Budokwai in London, fought with penetrative skill and maintained a mature poise in one of the most competitive of all categories.

In the semi-finals, he won a closely-contested bout with Igor Tchimtchiourilla, of the Úkraine, and then, in the final, countered Thomas Schleicher, of Austria, with a

display of great neatness. Rendle, from Grimsby, still craves an Olympic gold medal. In 1988, she finished first in Scoul when women's judo was included as a demonstration sport. In Barcelona, four years

later, she was third. Yester-day, at the age of 20, she showed all of her familiar home her first European title

for six years. In the semi-finals, she beat Almudena Munoz the 1902 Olympic champion, on a decision and then, in the final, she wheeled Alessandra Giungi, of Italy, the defending champion, to the mar with a nimble



Rendle: determined

Britain took two silver medals in the men's classes, through Nigel Donohue, a Davies, a featherweight.

The final in the bantamweight division was a repeat of the championships last year in Birmingham. On that occasion, the Briton had upended Georgi Vazagachvili, Yesterday, however, the Georgian got the decision in a defensive bout between two experienced

Davies, from Camberley, lost to another Georgian. Georgi Revazichvili, who clinched the bout with a hand

The three bronze medals through Ryan Birch, a middleweight. Diane Bell, a lightweight, and Michelle Rogers, a heavyweight.

On this form, Britain can certainly expect to be prominent in Atlanta. Indrek Pertelson, of Austria. won the final of the men's open class, defeating Selim

Tataroglu, of Turkey.

keeps hopes alive

BY RICHARD WETHERELL

AN IMPRESSIVE first half by the London Monarchs that included three touchdowns. five sacks, two interceptions and a fumble recovery swept them to a 27-7 victory over the Frankfurt Galaxy yesterday and kept alive their slim hopes of advancing to the World Bowl.

They still have to win all their remaining games and hope for help elsewhere in the World League of American Football, but if they continue in the same manner, even though they have a 2-4 record. that is not a forlorn hope.

With Tony Vinson rushing for 137 yards, a Monarchs record, and two touchdowns the 10.764 crowd saw only the second win at White Hart Lane in eight games. Last week, when the Galaxy were losing their first game, the Monarchs rushed for only 20 vards in their loss to the Amsterdam Admirals. With Vinson gaining yards at will, the passing game was opened up. Willie Hinchcliff caught a 29-yard touchdown reception to open the scoring and Linzy Collins made it 14-0 with a 28-yard touchdown reception with five minutes remaining in the first quarter. Vinson then scored his first

touchdown with a superb 45yard run. The second half was less thrilling, and though Steve Pelluer's one-yard run with nine minutes to go made things tense, Vinson wrapped it up with a three-yard touch-

down in the final minute. The Scottish Claymores beat the Rhein Fire 24-19 at Murrayfield. with Siran Stacey scoring two touchdowns, but Gavin Hastings missed his first extra point at the thirteenth attempt. After losing all five home games last year the Claymores have won all three this season and lead the league with a record

Parke back to hold court

FROM COLIN MCQUILLAN IN CAIRO

A FLOODLIT all-transparent Perspex squash court erected on a specially prepared arena in the shadow of the desert pyramids of Giza provided the surreal setting for one of the more heart-warming stories of triumph over adversity in

As Wigan were misshapen

by injuries and had three

players out of position, the

Workington tries by Smith,

Holgate and Allen were grape-

shot in answer to cannonfire.

Tuigamala might have had a

third try with better foot

control. Edwards had shad-

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today and Thursday.

brace to his captain's passes.

As dusk fell on the outskirts of Cairo on Saturday, under the ageless gaze of the Sphinx, Simon Parke set about preventing Derek Ryan, of Ireland, from becoming the first man to win a professional squash match on these sands. Parke, who won the world

team championship with England last year, remains stubble-headed from three months of chemotherapy for testicular cancer. His return to competition here is a testament to his courage and determination and one suspects that even his opponent in the second round of the Al Ahram International tournament will have shared the general pleasure of the touring players in seeing one of their best rediscover his skill and confidence.

"I forgot where I was as the spending three months on game progressed." Parke, who beat Ryan 17-15, 15-11, 15-7, said. "I found my confidence

flowing back and, although I

was dreading Derek dragging me into a fourth game. I left -

fitness apart — pretty much like my old self again." Parke's win was quickly followed by a victory for Jansher Khan, the No I seed from Pakistan, who defeated Craig Rowland, of Australia, 15-13, 15-3, 12-15, 15-11, Jansher is Parke's opponent in the quarter-finals tonight and can

be relied on to provide a

thorough examination of the

Yorkshireman's present level

of fitness. In company with other players who survived the first round in the national squash stadium in Cairo. Parke had travelled a dozen miles into the desert to be greeted by an astonishing sight. Soldiers mounted on camels and tribesmen on dancing horses

escorted them into the futuris-

tic arena that the Egyptians

had provided for their games,

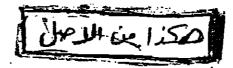
excavation and construction. The organisers, headed by the Al Ahram publishing house, are thought to have invested more than \$1 million (about £660,000) in the project. "I thought we had hit the

peak when we put on the Tournament of Champions in Grand Central Station." John Nimick, the chief executive of the Professional Squash Association, said, "but this setting is lust awesome."

Mark Chaloner, the young Lincoln player who took the Sports Writers' International Newcomer-of-the-Year award in December but was edged out of the first round here by the experienced Danny Meddings, of Surrey, passed the camels and the horsemen but stopped short at the arena entrance staring up at the great granite and limestone tomb illuminated behind the court and confided: "I so

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wanted to play on this court."



Lewis fortunate to figure in England's new look

CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

IN THE search for a better tomorrow, the England cricket selectors have raided the files of yesterday. Balancing the vibrant thinking behind the inclusion of the uncapped Alistair Brown, Ronnie Irani and Mark Ealham for the Texaco Trophy series against India this week is the contentious retrieval of two wasted talents whose time appeared to have passed.

Matthew Maynard has won back an England place that he feared he had lost for good after a wretched tour of the Caribbean two years ago. Given the stated aims of the selectors to pick a side specific to one-day demands, there can be no quibble with this, for Maynard, 30, is a gifted strokemaker at the peak of his powers. The recall of Chris Lewis must be seen in a different light.

Lewis has the ability to make one marvel but the

attitude to make one wonder — to wonder, particularly, over the wisdom of hurrying him back into the national side, effectively pandering to his ego, when he missed all of last season and has turned in a mere handful of encouraging performances for his new

Surrey is a third home for Lewis. His previous clubs, Leicestershire and Nottinghamshire, both wearied of his erratic output and found his temperament impenetrable. The Oval, and the club's new coach, Dave Gilbert, may be the making of him, the place where he finally fulfils himself. He is making the right noises, showing the right signs. But it is too soon to be confident and his hasty reselection is, in my view, too swift a reward for one who has exhausted the patience of so many, for so long.

The problems of the selectors here must be acknowledged. Lewis is better equipped than most to turn a

one-day game and, right now, he is bowling fast and well, an attractive option for the job at hand within a thin field of seam bowlers. He may illuminate the three-game tournament this week, but it does not alter the fact that he is fortunate to have regained official support so soon.

Raymond Illingworth, the chairman of selectors, unwittingly endorsed this when he



Brown: self-confident

reflected that Lewis played in the first one-day international side he chose, two years ago. "I've hardly seen him since," he added. Neither has anyone else and, perhaps, we should have seen a little more of him before his admirable ambitions to restore his England status were satisfied.

Whatever one makes of this calculated gamble with a difficult individual, the balance of



Irani: Test potential

the 13-man party is to be heartily applauded. The new selection panel has responded to the general clamour for a tively, retaining sufficient experience alongside the translusion of fresh blood. Eight members of the derid-

ed World Cup squad - exactly half - have been retained, including Alec Stewart, mightily relieved at the opportunity



Ealham: one-day future

to salvage an England career dangerously damaged during the winter. Stewart will keep wicket but bat in the middle order, probably as low as No 6, and his previous role as Michael Atherton's opening partner goes, with his full blessing, to his Surrey col-

league, Brown.
This will be something to savour, especially at the Oval on Thursday when Brown

struts out (he does strut, which is part of the effectiveness of his game) before his home crowd. He is unlikely to be cowed by it, such is his native self-confidence, and he has it in him to give England the type of explosive starts that they never achieved in the World Cup. The best of this is that Brown has been picked while in wonderful form, which sounds elementary but has not always occurred with new batsmen in the past.

Neil Smith, experimentally

used in the pinch-hitting role early in the World Cup, is chosen again and although his primary role is as the single spin bowler, he may also be promoted to No 3 batsman, maintaining the quest for early momentum, if Brown departs early. Hick and Thorpe were automatic selections in the middle order and Maynard will probably bat at No 5.

Discussion of the all-rounders occupied half the selection meeting. Illingworth was not

and a case was also made for Adam Hollioake, but Irani, 24. and Ealham, 26, fully deserve

their chance. Irani, once of Lancashire, has been a fine acquisition for Essex and his batting, powerful and positive, continues to improve. Ealham, the son of the former Kent captain, Alan, is the prime example of an all-rounder ideal for one-day cricket but unlikely to play at Test level - something that ought not to be said of Irani.

Among those omitted are leil Fairbrother, Robin Smith, Richard Illingworth, Phil DeFreitas and Dermot Reeve. All were once guaranteed one-day inclusion but, now, only Reeve can be thought unfortunate. The first selection of summer is a good one, with a better than reasonable chance of retrieving a degree of public faith with

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Mediate

happy

to dispute

lead

with Pavin

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ROCCO MEDIATE bogeyed

the last hole, but maintained a

narrow lead over Corey Pavin

going into the final round of

the Colonial golf tournament

in Fort Worth, Texas,

Mediate, attempting to win

his first title in three years

after undergoing surgery on his back, had a 54-hole total of

202, eight under par, after a 68

in the third round on Satur-

day. His bogey at the par-four 18th hole left him one shot

clear of Pavin, the 1985 cham-

pion, who scored a 67 and is

looking for his first win of the

year.
"Today was a lot of fun,"
Mediate, who finished eighth

in the event last year, said.

"It's been a long time since I

was in the last group and

to move into third place on

David Duval and Jeff Sluman.

Duval also had a 68, with

Sluman registering a level-par

70. Five other players were on

207 after a day spent battling

Couples birdied two of the

first four holes and had three

more birdies, but those suc-

cesses were tempered by three

Dave Stockton matched Bob

Murphy's one-day-old course

record of 62, ten under par, to

ioin Jay Sigel at the top of the leader board after two rounds

of the seniors' Cadillac NFL

Classic at Clifton, New Jersey.

lead was the largest first-

round advantage on the Se-

nior Tour this year, lost it all

after a second-round 71. It

of 133 and left him tied for the

lead with Sigel, who returned

gave him an 11-under-par total

Murphy, whose five-shot

one shot better

leading a tournament. Fred Couples recorded a 68

vesterday.

Scores soar as European golf's big names are blown off course

Ames walks tall in Oxfordshire storm

By JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

daunting holes than the 18th at had an 80. "It's a long time The Oxfordshire on which to since I played in a gusting make par to win a tournament. Stephen Ames, the Trinidad-born professional, approached it last night knowing that he had to take no more than four strokes up the 445-yard hole to win the £116,000 first prize on offer in the Benson and Hedges International Open.

A par would avoid a play-off with Jon Robson, who had already finished with a 73 for a a total of 284, four under par. Robson had played beautifully all week and just when it was thought that a player of his inexperience would crumble. he played eight of the last nine holes resolutely in pars. His only mistake, the one that would give Arnes his chance of victory, came on the last hole, which he bogeyed. Robson, whose previous best per-

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80; P Moloney (Aus.) 72, 74, 69, 81.

formance was to tie for fourth in last year's Portuguese Open, was one of the surprises of a week when the best players in Europe were supposed to reassert themselves. Although Colin Montgomerie was nine under par

and held a three-stroke lead over Ian Woosnam after 54 holes, and Nick Faldo and Bernhard Langer were lurking ominously, none could sustain a challenge on the windswept final day, a day when the lowest score was 72, level par.

Langer had a 79, Woosnam an 82 and Montgomerie's 82 was later altered to an 84 when he was penalised two strokes for kicking the sand in

THERE could be few more a bunker on the 13th. Faldo 40mph wind," the Masters champion said. "It was severe but it wasn't unplayable. I lost heart after the 8th when I hit a putt four inches left and it missed the hole by seven feet on the right. The only fun I had was hitting two drives 390

> trying for only his second victory in a PGA European Tour event. He reached the last green in two but then, in making sure he left himself an uphill second putt, he slightly overdid it. His ball ended nine feet short but it made no difference. The tall, slim man, who had coped so well, rammed in the putt for a 72 and a total of five under par. No wonder he punched the air The wind had swung

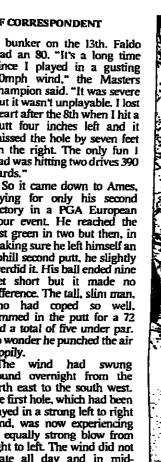
around overnight from the north east to the south west. The first hole, which had been played in a strong left to right wind, was now experiencing an equally strong blow from right to left. The wind did not abate all day and in midafternoon it was said to be

McFee, the tournament director, moved the flags to more holes and moved five tees to names had to be Sellotaped to the mobile scoreboards and white horses were being whipped up on the lake by the

not have been out of place on a links course, it was too strong for an inland course such as The Oxfordshire. "I didn't expect it to be as windy as this," Rees Jones, the course designer, admitted as he battled his way into the teeth of wind up the side of the 18th. "I think this weather is about three weeks too late."

The problem the excessive wind caused was this. A player could find himself over a shot that required him to punch the ball low to run onto he green, yet the layout of the course dictated that the shot be hit high and with spin.

The scores give a good indication of how difficult conditions were. Jean Van de Velde's 89, 17 over par, was the



gusting to 50mph. It was so strong that Andy suitable positions on three easier positions. The players'

8th and 17th. Although the wind would



Montgomerie, who led the tournament by three strokes after 54 holes, chips to the pin at the 8th green on his way to a round of 84

worst of the day and the Frenchman, who has won once on the European tour, was mortified. "It was the most embarrassing day of my life," he said. "It wasn't golf we were playing. It was a disgrace. One over for three days and then 17 over for the fourth.

People will think I have forgot-

ten how to play. It's enough to sicken you. Ronan Rafferty took an 88, the same as Adam Hunter, Francisco Valera an 87 and Jeff Hawkes an 85, which included an II at the fifth. Faldo dropped nine strokes in eight holes, Langer six in eight, Woosnam live in six. Rolf Muntz just reached the front edge of the 18th with two drivers while Sandy Lyle's three-foot putt there began to move just before he hit it.

In short, the course was very close to being unplayable. "It should not have been stopped," Langer said "But it was very close to it. The

trouble is the course is so exposed. There are no trees, no shrubs, no houses," George Griffiths, of Van-

tage Promotions, who was in charge of the tented village, said: "We nearly lost two tents. We had to call in an extra crew to help secure them and I had to stand on the flaps

of another to stop it blowing

As Faldo was driving on the 8th, an umbrella went bowling past him. Three-foot high plastic litter bins were being blown over and one lost count of the number of times one saw a hat

plucked out of a frozen hand.

Mayumi Murai, runner-up in her previous two tournaments, had help from her nearest rival's last-hole double bogey yesterday to win the Chukyo TV Bridgestone women's tournament in Kasugai, blown off or a polystyrene cup

Japan, by one shot.

Murai started the final round one stroke behind Kumiko Hiyoshi, and was still one shot behind after a par on the final hole gave her a one-over-par round of 73 and a total of 211, five under par, But Hiyoshi sliced into a pond on the par-four 18th, took a double bogey, and finished with a 75 for a total of 212.

The victory was Murai's sixth in a seven-year career, and her first since winning the

1993 Toyo Suisan tournament. Karrie Webb, of Australia, winner of two US LPGA tournaments this season, missed a number of short birdie putts in a round of 72 and finished equal third on 215 in a tournament in western

"I wasn't putting very well yesterday and today, Webb, 21, the rookie of the year on the European Tour last season,



British women lift Olympic hopes

By MIKE ROSEWELL, ROWING CORRESPONDENT

■ THE Britain women's eight raised hopes for Olympic qualification by producing two good performances at Duisburg Regatta at the weekend. Forced to race with a substitute for the injured, and very experienced, Miriam Batten, they finished third on Saturday behind Romania and Canada but, crucially. ahead of Germany and Holland, who have aiready booked Atlanta places.

Yesterday Britain sealed fourth spot after Holland produced a fine display, splitting Romania and Canada to finish second. The standard was underlined by the fact that Romania beat the world record when winning on

Saturday. The men's eight, also forced to race with a substitute because of illness, failed to reach their final on either day. However, a newly-formed women's lightweight four, including Jo Nitsch and Robyn

Morris, 1995 world championship silver medal-winners, took gold in the lightweight class on Saturday and silver among the heavyweights.

The lightweight men raced two different crews in the eight over the two days and both finished in second place to confuse the selectors. The men's lightweight four, al-ready qualified for Atlanta, failed to get among the medals on either day.

Neither the men's nor women's lightweight double sculls, both fighting for Olympic places, reached their finals. Andy Sinton and Nick Strange experienced tough heats on both days but according to Brian Armstrong, the international manager, are "still in the hunt". As with Alison Brownless and Jane Hall, in the women's double, everything hinges on their showing in Lucerne next month.

Graf grinds out victory

FROM ALIX RAMSAY IN BERLIN

tennis title, another \$200.000 safely in the bank, but for Steffi Graf, a week's work has not been as productive as she had hoped. She came to Berlin looking to hone her game on clay in preparation for the French Open and boost her confidence after a miserable performance in Rome the week before. But yesterday, faced with her first real test of the tournament, she struggled to beat Karina Habsudova.

A NINTH German Open

4-6, 6-2, 7-5. Habsudova's game-plan has been the same in every match — hit the ball early, hit the ball hard and let your opponent make the mistakes. Against Graf in the first set. the plan was working perfectly. Graf's famous and ferocious forehand was out of kilter and Habsudova was making the most of it.

the giant-killer of the week,

Only in the second set, as Habsudova appeared a little stunned at having taken a set from the world No I, did Graf begin to look more business-

like. Habsudova was always chasing Graf's shadow or, as she put it, "if she is putting pressure on you, you can't put pressure on her Just when it looked as if

Graf was firmly in control. however, breaking Habsudova for an early lead at the start of the third set, the tools of her trade started to let her down. Time and again she was caught by the power of Habsudova's backhand.

Graf: erratic

She had her first match point at 5-3 and tried to be clever. Moving wide to take the service on her forehand for what she thought would be a thundering winner, she left the court wide open and was promptly punished. The scream directed at no one in particular said it all.

"I was frustrated," she said. "I did not play well on that point, I tried for something that was not right and after that I was upset and a bit nervous and I was making mistakes." Against someone playing

their first big tournament final, however, experience finally told. Habsudova broke to level the score at 5-5 only to be broken herself, allowing Graf to serve for the match. On her second match point she made no mistake with the forehand but even with the victory in the bag, she was not particularly happy. The French Open is only one week away and her performance yesterday was not what she

Hayles waiting for result of inquiry

ROB HAYLES, a double British cycling champion on the track, left Bisham Abbey National Sports Centre yesterday applauded as the new holder of the ten-miles road time-trial title but, like the other medalwinners, uncertain as to whether his victory would be confirmed.

Before the awards ceremony it was announced that the results should be accepted as "provisional" and that the event would be subject to an inquiry by the Road Time Trials Council, the governing

body. Hayles, who recorded a time of 20min 06sec, was perplexed by the announcement but officials declined to reveal why the event was under investigation and which regulation covered any alleged infringement. The most likely, in cycling's "race of truth" would be that a rider had received pace or other assistance from a vehicle.

By Peter Bryan Hayles, winner in 1994, was fastest at all checks but had an

anxious wait of two hours before the defending champion, Richard Prebble, completed his run. He finished 41sec off the pace in fifth spot. Stuart Dangerfield, with 20min 29sec, took the silver medal with the veteran, Geoff Platts, third in 20min 43sec.

Winds of near gale force persisted throughout the event but could not prevent Hayles from reaching the turning point in Ilmin 15sec, which gave him a lead of 21sec lead over Dangerfield. After anticipating an easier ride back, he was forced to lower his gear on the downhill run to the finish.

"It was never easy anywhere on the course but I knew I was fit enough to sustain 20 minutes of agony. the Team Ambrosia rider said. Hayles switches to track racing later this week in the national championships at Manchester.

Rangers manager prepares to build on Scottish Cup success

Smith plans advance into Europe

Heart of Midlothian

By Kevin McCarra

RANGERS' victory in the Tennents Scottish Cup final on Saturday, which featured a Gordon Durie hat-trick, not only obliterated Heart of Midlothian, but also wiped away all doubts about the team's desire to resist challengers. The performance, which secured a fourteenth double for the Ibrox club, was a show of strength as well as a display of stylish football.

The side was eloquent enough on the field, but Walter Smith, the Rangers man-ager, then put the declaration into bold words. There was no bravado, just calm calculation yesterday when he said: "If we can add a player or two we could be as strong as we were three seasons ago." In 1993. Rangers came close to a place in the European Cup final.

Despite his diffidence, new signings are already certain. It is widely believed that a centre back will be purchased soon and though Gianluca Vialli, of Juventus, may well turn down an offer from Smith, the club are likely to acquire another expensive forward instead. All the activity is aimed at improving on the more recent, insipid, results in Europe.

Restless planning, however, is also Rangers' way of retaining treshness. Each signing carries a symbolic value, demonstrating that no complacency will be tolerated. Perhaps, though, Smith may allow himself to dwell a little on the Scottish Cup final, for a brief spell of satisfaction will not undermine the entire Rangers' enterprise.

He is also entitled to perpetual pride in his acumen in signing Brian Laudrup from Fiorentina for a paltry £2.3 million in 1994. On Saturday the Hearts players hardly seemed able to stay in the same vicinity as the Dane, let alone stop him.

In domestic football, Laudrup's only experience of cup finals had come in the early years in his homeland. At Hampden, the event served only to delight and inspire him. He is a rare amalgam of talents, for the delicate footwork is employed by a quick, lithe body and his mind is as supple as his muscles.

the 27th minute with a clever.



Durie, the Rangers forward who scored a hat-trick, manages to shake off the close attentions of Bruno at Hampden on Saturday

precise goal. Durie's deft lob released him and the ensuing encounter illustrated the psychological tyranny of the

Rousset hesitated in moving forward, knowing that Laudrup loves nothing more than to dribble round goalkeepers. By remaining within his sixyard box, however, the Frenchman failed to narrow the angle and a well-placed drive tore past him.

If there was an element of misjudgment about that goal, one that followed could only be described as a fiasco. Four minutes into the second half, Rousset allowed Laudrup's cross to slip through his

Hearts were then obliged to

pitch men forward as they tried to rescue the match, but that merely left the Rangers fowards with more room in which to work.

Durie was the prime beneficiary, claiming the first of his three goals with a nonchalant volley. His hat-trick is only the third in the history of Scottish Cup finals but his achievement is, nonetheless, liable to be seen more as an indicator of Laudrup's excellence, for the Dane was the creator on each

The rest of a fine Rangers team, including Gascoigne, might have been little more than scenery shifters as Laudrup dominated centre

Colquhoun struck a superb Italy.

20-yarder for Hearts to reduce the deficit to 3-1, but even that amounted to a mere walk-on part. The Edinburgh club will squirm over their failure to find a proper role in this

The loss of their captain, Locke, with an ankle injury in the eighth minute was disruptive, but it hardly accounts for the drubbing. The stature of the Hearts youngsters dimin-ished at Hampden and the experienced men could exert no influence. Pasquale Bruno, once of Juventus and Torino, was impressed by the good humour of the supporters, wryly reflecting that the police generally have to intervene from Edinburgh were toler-ant, because they knew that their adversaries had been irresisitible. In the early afternoon, long before kick-off. Gascoigne had challenged a ball-boy to a penalty-kick contest and lost. The Englishman then sportingly handed the youngster a banknote. Gascoigne was certainly the only Rangers player on Saturday to find out what it feels like to be

Those that had travelled



France coach braves critics by deciding to omit Cantona

THERE is no place for Eric Cantona in the France squad for the European championship. England's Footballer of the Year has failed to convince Aimé Jacquet, the France coach, that he is worth his place and he was omitted from squad announced

Cantona is not the only famous absentee. His old striking partner, Jean-Pierre Papin, of Bayern Munich, and his sparring partner, David Ginola, are also left out, but his is the most controversial of Jacquet's omissions. The coach has decided not to disrupt the formula that has brought his young team qualiunbeaten run.

Although Ginola's absence will provoke regrets among supporters of Newcastle United, the decision to omit Cantona, the Manchester United forward, will produce the greater reaction — as Jacquet recognised. "Eric's qualities as a player have never been in doubt." Jacquet said. "But l have several priorities - to obtain the best possible result at Euro 96, to work for the future. for the 1998 World Cup in France and to give the young generation a chance to meet the best teams in Europe.

Although it was not unexpected. Cantona himself preit, the decision dicting inevitably raised eyebrows, and some heat, in Manchester. After the FA Cup Final, Peter Schmeichel, the United goalkeeper, compared Cantona's ability to influence games with that of Cruyff and Maradona among others, and such luminaries as Sir Bobby Charlton and Paddy Crerand also expressed disbelief at the prospect of Cantona being

Pleasing English supporters is not one of Jacquet's considerations. His decision is, though, a brave one. A failure in the championship now would bring widespread criticism, and with Cantona still a week short of his thirtieth birthday, to dismiss him from

Laudrup: triumphant | the French sports newspaper.

showed that 83 per cent of supporters were in favour of Cantona's recall after his impressive return to the game after his eight-month ban Cantona had lost the France captaincy after the attack on the Crystal Palace supporter which led to his suspension and, although he said last week that he would be happy iust to be part of the squa Jacquet obviously felt that having such a strong personality on the fringe of the team could be disruptive.

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The comments of Yourf Djorkaeff, the Paris Saint-Germain player, that he, his team-mate Patrice Loko and Zinadine Zidane deserved the places after their success, sug-gested that support for. Cantona's reinstatement also-

SQUAD

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would not be unanimous inside the squad. "Why should we have our places taken?

'It makes sense for Youri and me to play in the present set-up," Zidane added. Ginola, too, had expected

Cantona, who wished the ream well, he was less gracious. "They don't have the same mentality as me," he said on the selection policy a week ago. "But I'm looking forward to a long summer holiday with my wife and family — and coming back for training on July 17.

With France having two games at St James' Park, the selection of Ginola might have produced some local support, but that thought did not sway Jacquet. "I don't expect Eaglish crowds to support France in any way," he said.

Hooligan threat, page 4

Hemmings completes Macclesfield's day

that Power was running in

behind him, stretched to put

the ball out of play only to

send it thumping against the

Northwich Victoria.

By Walter Gammie

THE Northwich Victoria supporters in the disappointing crowd of 8.672, the lowest for an FA Umbro Trophy final, booed Tony Hemmings, their former player, throughout an engrossing contest at Wem-

Hemmings, however, simply got on with his business, the mixture of tricks and skills on the left wing that make him one of the non-League game's most distinctive characters, and he had the last laugh with a splendid solo goal that sealed victory for Macclesfield at half-time two goals to the

Fed by Phil Power, he sprinted 60 yards and calmly placed his shot past Greyose to settle the all-Cheshire final with nine minutes remaining. Two minutes later Derek Ward, the Northwich full back, was sent off after committing a second bookable foul - both on Hemmings. Substituted in the final minute, Hemmings resisted the temptation for any triumphal gesture, offering equal

supporters. Hemmings's final flourish after Macclesfield had gone in

good. Their first, in the nineteenth minute, was a powerful header by Steve Payne, running on to a long free kick by

was needed to subdue a second-half Northwich rally,

Gardiner and shaking off the attention of Cooke, the Northwich forward, who had been detailed to mark him. Macclesfield showed that they could hit their passes just as accurately in open play, and, with 28 minutes gone, a 45-yard ball by Wood found Coates running down the left wing. He delivered his cross applause to both sets of early and Burgess, the Northwich defender, aware

stanchion at the back of the net and back into the arms of his bemused goalkeeper.

Northwich attacked vigorously in response. Price, the Macclesfield goalkeeper, turned the ball over the crossbar after a smart shot on the turn by Williams. From the resulting corner, Walters, a classy midfield player, hit a cross to the far post where Cooke was unmarked with a gaping goal at which to aim. Sadly, for Northwich, he could only hit against the far post.

Macclesfield dominated the rest of the half but Northwich came out after the interval with renewed confidence and were rewarded with a wellworked goal in the 53rd

Hemmings in midfield and played the ball perfectly to the feet of Williams as he ran into the penalty area. He took one pace further and then played

the ball past Price. Chances fell to both sides in the later stages of an increasingly open game, but it was Hemmings who set his stamp on the afternoon and was, unsurprisingly, named man of the match.

MACCLESRELD TOWN (4-4-2): R Price — C Edey, N Howarth, S Payne, M Gardiner — D Lyors, N Sorvel, S Wood (sub: K Hulme, 84mm), A Hemmings (sub: P Cavell, 99) — M Coates, P Power. M Coales, P Power.

NORTH-MICH VICTORIA (4-4-2): D
Greygoose — D Ward, G Abel (sub- L
Steele, 77), D Burgess (sub- W Simpson,
85). C Dully — C Wildiams, B Builer, S
Walters, D Vicary — I Cooke, D Humphreys

Tired England stay on course

Portugal

By SARAH FORDE

THE England women's football team won their last European championship group three qualifying match. against Portugal at Griffin Park, Brentford, yesterday. and will now face a play-off over two legs against Spain in September in their attempt to reach the finals.

Two goals from Kerry Davis and one from Kelly Smith. her fourth in six internationals, gave England the win they needed but, after a long season, they were lacklustre

Risks just too great on a tour much too far

Rob Hughes and David Miller, opposite, on the pros and cons

against an embarrassingly weak Portugal side.

'We won the game but didn't play our best," Ted Copeland, the England coach. said. "Our girls have played a lot of games recently.

Davis's opening goal in the tenth minute, a clever lob from outside the penalty area, was overshadowed minutes later by an injury to Cristina Correia, the Portugal goal-Correia, eager to retrieve the

ball for a goal kick, tripped and crashed into a photographer, ending her participation in the game.

Portugal manager, the inci-

dent was indicative of his

For Antonio Simoes, the

asm. "Before the game I said to her to take her time in everything," he said. "But the first thing she does is run to get the ball and then she injures herself. They are so enthusiastic and ready, but she paid the price."

Paula Pera, her replacement, was to blame for the second goal. Her poor goal kick was headed back into the area and, as Davis hesitated, Smith arrived to score.

Davis's solo effort in the 53rd minute stretched the England lead before Portugal had their first and only shot, in the seventieth minute, but Carla Conto drove her effort into the side-netting.



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Confucian logic. The players, some of them still rehabilitating from serious injuries, others stiff from the game against Hungary on Saturday, board a plane today for a 1312-hour flight to China. As they do, the sage words of Bob Paisley, who managed Liverpool to more trophies at home and abroad than any other Englishman, spring to mind: Flying is the paraffin in a

The words of Paisley should represent a warning more severe than all that has been written and said about the alarming state of the Workers Stadium pitch in Peking, for the man knew players, sometimes better than they knew themselves.

player's petrol tank."

Significantly, the route England take today, fleeing it is said from the virus of hooliganism and from the pests in journalism, stops off at Copenhagen. That was the venue for the 1966 World Cup winners' penultimate match in preparation - they never ventured outside Europe - and Sir Bobby Charlton, a star of that team, said last week that he cannot imagine why England are taking such a risk so close to the most important competition on home soil since that achievement.

"The players need rest," Sir

of the two-match foray to the Far East that England begin today tempts them to fly all those days to get back to match fitness at this time of the year. and remember that the team

came off the beaches, relaxed and rested, because of their late entry to the 1992 tournament, Perceptive words, indeed, from the normally uncritical Sir Bobby. Equally so is the observation of Lennart Johansson, the president of Uefa, who was most responsible for granting England Euro 96. "I couldn't believe it when I heard where you are

that holds the European

championship, Denmark.

going." Johansson said. "After all, you have to do well in Euro 96." The FA has been at pains to deny that money is a reason to play in Peking and Hong Kong. More fool them. Do they really consider that Uruguay, France, Yugoslavia and Israel, not to mention such clubs as Lazio. AC Milan, Bayern Munich and Palmeiras, of Brazil, have been flocking to China merely through the great desire to help to bring that vast nation. of a fifth of the world's population, out into the professional sphere of football?

The profit motive is what

hours, into a time zone seven hours beyond them, into a new culture and onto, it seems, pitches that have always been less than even. When West Bromwich Albion made their pioneering tour to China in 1978, when Bert chairman and not Sir Bert of the FA, he admitted there and then that the pitch was "the least good" his club had ever been asked to perform upon. Sir Bert, no doubt conserving his energies for the rigours of



Adams: just back from injury

luminaries aboard this visit. Terry Venables calls those of us who harbour doubts

about the trip, so very close to the event of a lifetime, "ignorant". I have to reply that the ignorant include all foreign managers, some of them preparing their own teams to come to England, that I have spoken to on this issue. Venables speaks of "bonding" his squad, yet five of the 26 aboard will have to drop out the day after they return. They are on the rack of uncertainty. not knowing which are the odd five out a form of Chinese torture if ever there was one. Hardly the circumstances that help to bond competitive players.

But which of us would not wish to see something of China? Even if it is only a couple of days, the adage that travel broadens the mind ought to inspire the participants. In this, Venables is probably justified, for a camp concentrated over the better part of a month at Bisham Abbey could indeed become numbing.

However, the press does exist in the Orient, too, and, aside from those undesirables who will travel in pursuit of

stories around England, there will surely be gentlemen of the media who ask unsuspecting English players what they think of China's human rights, or wrongs.

Finally, apparently, it is all a mission to ensure that the dreaded travelling hooligans are out-distanced. Maybe, in that, a journey that begins with check-in at 9am today and concludes at the Great Wall Sheraton at 8am tomor row will be fulfilling. What it does do is put a great distance between England players who need medical back-up and the FA's Lilleshall rehabilitation centre. One thinks of Tony Adams, who has had just one game since a cartilage operation in January, and of Alan Shearer, who played 14 minutes on Saturday after his groin operation.

Adams is now a covered individual, given England's epidemic of unfitness at centre back: Shearer, if chosen for the game in Peking, must apparently evade Jiang Feng. who is rated China's most uncompromising defender. But if any players pick up an injury in China or Hong Kong, and then have to face the return journey, the limbs stiffening with every hour, the very purpose of a preparatory be counter

ROB HUGHES,

Puskas sees Hungary offer muted challenge at Wembley

Anderton widens England's options

By Rob Hughes FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

LET there be no delusions. England direly needed goals and the two from Darren Anderton and the third from David Platt were as precious as oxygen on a cold and grey Saturday at Wembley when the old stadium a third full. What was more than obvious was that the pitiable quality of Hungary, the acquiescence of their defence, made this welcome change from goalless England games a somewhat hollow last home outing before the European championship.

Worse, England may have lost more than they gained. For when Mark Wright overstretched in his first, mistimed tackle, he became the fourth casualty in what the coach, Terry Venables, refers to as England's cursed position. No one can be sure until the inflammation around Wright's knee subsides, but he is out of the junket to China and Hong Kong and if a strained medial ligament is the true diagnosis, then he will struggle as much as Steve Howey, Gary Pallister and

Bruce Grobbelaar, one of the players at the centre of match-fixing allegations, has been appointed as deputy coach to the Zimbabwe national team. Grobbelaar, 38, the former Liverpool goalkeeper, was released by Southampton at the end of the season.

Tony Adams to represent his country when Euro 96 kicks off on June 8.

Yet, for international observers of the great game, there was a deeper sadness settled on Wembley Stadium on Saturday. It was embodied in a rotund old man who sat immobile, unsmiling beneath the royal box, unmoved by the shrill sounds of schoolchildren who made up the greater number of those entired to a ground that has had a monopoly of this tedious succession

The man? Ferenc Puskas, still the most famous footballer from Hungary, and one does not doubt still capable of striking a ball with more accuracy and more potency than the pretenders wearing the red, white and green of his

COUR

Mere athletes in football kit. they bore as much resem-blance to the Hungary team of 1953 as Puskas now does to the majestic Galloping Major of that side that so outwitted and outscored England. A man with so much joy in his life, Puskas looked on so miserably that one almost wished he could take off spectacles that are as thick as a car windscreen and not really see that Hungary, with its population of ten million, is far, far away from producing another gifted, truly world-

class XI. As for England, who on earth was foolish enough to write up Teddy Sheringham as the English Cantona? The Frenchman operates with



Ferdinand, who had a frustrating afternoon, heads for goal only to be denied by the fingertips of Petry, the Hungary goalkeeper

such perceptive vision that he rejects more options with a single pass than Sheringham could think of in an afternoon; and Sheringham, though indeed he did at times strut around the whole field, conplaced passes in the first halfhour than we see from

Cantona in a season. Sheringham, to be fair, is by some distance the most intelligent support player to a goalscorer England can find, though one hopes all faith in Peter Beardsley is not abandoned on the threshold of the championship. But let Sheringham be what he is, a man compensating with his mind, with his reading of the play, for lack of pace. When he did this in the second half on Saturday, noticeably when he gave the substitute, Alan Shearer, much closer support than he gave Les Ferdinand, Sheringham again illuminat-

with a mighty shot. Jason Wilcox, who made an industrious and satisfying debut on the left flank, had headed against the bar after only two minutes.

ed England's attacking de-

signs. He struck the crossbar

But it was Anderton, returning with that coltish stride and ability to drift in from the right flank to scoring positions, who

punished the hapless Hungarians. In the 38th minute, after Sheringham had moved down the left to a throw-in from Pearce and easily turned the naive Plokai. Ferdinand mistimed his attempted header; timed nothing and slid the ball

The red shirts were static,

the Hungarians as green as their stockings. And so it was in the 52nd minute when Ince, by a distance the most incisive and authoritative Englishman on the field, slipped a quick free kick for Platt bravely to Platt may have been, but this was his 27th goal in 58 internationals.

accept his chances and his last act was to frighten Petry, so that the ball ran loose to the grateful Anderton to score his second goal in the 63rd minute. After that came the tions. There were ten of them, only two because of injuries. The solitary shot on England's



Platt, right, slides home England's second goal, his 27th in international football

Ferdinand, alas, could not the end and there was a cameo from Dennis Wise, which again demonstrated why he should be nowhere near a place in the England squad. He came on to wrestle with to reach up and implant his studs into the Hungarian's thigh within yards of an indulgently smiling referee.

More pleasing was the per-formance of Gareth Southgate, a man for all positions, so useful when the centre backs are proving so fallible. With all that has been written about the pitch in Peking, how unfortunate that Wright should jeopardise his place for the championship on the magnificent green sward of Wemblev

Wernbiey.

ENGLAND (3-5-1-1): D Seeman (Arsenat sub I Walker, Tolterham Hutspur, 65min),
— G Noville (Mancheser Hutspur, 65min),
— G Noville (Mancheser Underd), M Whight Liverpool; sub: G Soutingate, Aston Ville,
11). S Pearce (Notingham Forest) — D Anderson (Totenham Hotspur), R Lae (Newcastle Underd), P Ince (Imternationaler, sub: S Campbell, Totenham Hotspur, 65).

D Platt (Arsenat; sub: D Wise, Chelsee, 65).

J Wilcox (Blackburn Rovers) — E Stretingham (Totenham Hotspur) — L Ferdinand (Newcastle Underd; sub: A Shearer, Blackburn Rovers, 76).

HANGARY (3-5-2): Z Petry (Gencerchiligi) — V Sebok (Ulpesti), J Barnfi (Asist), A Plotati (Horwood) — M Mirnston (Belececcent; sub: A Telek, Ferencyaros, 80), F Urban (Gyorn, A Hahm (Hormod), T Balog (Charlero, Belgium; sub: B Illes, MTK, 61).

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SIMON **BARNES** At Wembley

t least the Cup Final only lasted for 90 damn near three years — since November 17, 1993, to be precise — and it is not over yet, though, thank the Lord, the end is in sight and fixed for

Yes, once again, England got smashed out of their minds on the alcohol-free lager of a "friendly" football match. Oh, very plausible it all was. But what did the match achieve? Well, it got Wright injured and probably out of the European championship finals and it gave away the secret of a mildly cute free kick. Oh yes, and Hungary, their oppo-nents, got "I played at Wernstickers for their windscreens.

To describe any football match as "meaningless" is begging the question, but for these all-but-three years, England have not played a single match with any meaning whatsoever, even in the crassest of footballing terms. What on earth has it all been

Since that game of November 1993 - remember it? San Marino and a goal conceded in the first minute to the great Gualtieri before England won

7-); still not enough to qualify for the 1994 World Cup finals, do I not like that — all England have been doing has been, in the eloquent terminology of football's floor, factory fannying about

I cannot tell you how sick I am of Terry Venables, the England coach, being plausible. I would like to hear of just something that was not part of the masterplan for the European championship. "We got a few more chances after the tactical switch," he said on Saturday. lhere were son in the second half. The team-

work looks pretty good." What does it matter if your teamwork looks good when the opposition is either not trying or is extremely poor, or hoth? Venables and his boys now go to Hong Kong and China, a place soon to be called China. No doubt they go there because playing against small, neat Chinese is more perfect preparation for a European football competition. Might as well get a few more players injured.

Then, on June 8, England play Switzerland. Culture shock; we will be watching an ; England team play when there is something at stake, like the European championship. England, as hosts, were let off qualifying, hence the three years of unending friendli-ness. At last, England will play a game in which the result will, if such a concept can be allowed in sport, matter. At last plausibility will go

out of the window. I am sick to death of watching England players playing to look plausible: to be worth their place in the side, to look the part, to avoid mistakes, not to take risks. And I am quite desperately fed up with watching them play teams that come to Wembley as a kind of foot-balling tourism, as a homage to the game's past rather than to contribute to its present. How nice to be here on the sacred turf! A 0-0 draw, please, and no injuries to take back to one's club. So pleasant!

England football has served up nothing but the most woeful fare for these past 30 months. What is the point of playing against opposition whose first shot in open play came in the 87th minute? What does one learn about anything in a game in which such flow as existed was disrupted by a total of ten substitutions?

The truth is that football competitions like World Cups and European championships are not about preparation. That is a myth, of coaches and perhaps of marketing. They are about spontaneous combustion. A team will be ignited by an exceptional individual, perhaps some weird chemistry between quite ordinary players. The first thing happened to England at the 1990 World Cup with Paul Gascoigne; the second happened

ionship of 1992. 'At last an Denmark, of end to three course, had no oreparation at all: pointless, they came in as last-second rewoeful years placements for is in sight' Yugoslavia. Spontaneous

combustion was what happened to England in 1966, too, after their first match and a half seemed to be speeding them to elimination. It is always the way. The winning side starts as a bunch of individuals and finishes as a

It is that galvanising process inai enintals. Who's hot and who's not? The sparkling pacesetter lades, the real heroes emerge. And they are seldom the ones you think: remember Stoichkov, Brolin and Raducioiu from the last World

Spontaneous combustion: it is something you simply cannot plan for, only pray for. Friendly football matches have nothing to do with it. The England players have come to these friendlies clad in layers of irrelevant garments: club responsibilities, ambitions, ca-reers, fear of error. Visitors to Wembley come dressed in pilgrims' robes. And so we have suffered these endless matches of aching boredom, and people have, naturally, stayed away in droves. England's attempt to fool all the people all the time has fallen short of its target.

It is high time that all this ended. The England players will soon take off their excessive garments of the friendly matches and play the game as it was supposed to be played. Naked Football. At last.

Venables right to follow Ramsey's lead

sey when he promised to win the World Cup, before ultimately doing so. Terry Venables leaves for Asia today and the final server in the server Asia today, and the final preparation of his European championship squad, equally baffled by criticism that he regards as wide of the mark, not to say

There is in England misunderstanding of his team and his tactics, and what he regards as an inaccurate belief that they are wasting their time by going to China and Hong Kong. The complexities of pulling a team together, technically and temperamentally, are not immediately obvious.

A comfortable victory over an indifferent Hungary team — which passed the hall better than England for 40 minutes — is being disregarded because of the quality of the opposition. Highly-competent performances against Bulgaria. World Cup semifinalists, and Croatia, considered to be among the favourites next month, are dismissed as allegedly boring. "It seems," Venables said, resignedly. "that some people don't recognise

progress when they see it." As for the brief Oriental tour, Venables is scornful of the criticism. Hong Kong's likely team may be a patchwork job for the occasion, but ne or two easy victories are good for morale, as Hungary themselves proved in their prime long ago. China, on the other hand, are Asian Games finalists, as good or better than some

European finalists. "If we had gone to Florida, everyone would have been content." Venables said, "yet the flying time is little different. Because people know nothing of China, they are sceptical about the trip. Part of winning a tournament is being able to handle all circumstances, varying conditions, coping with the unusual. It helps create a unit, and reveals character. Some critics are so narrow-minded."

It tends to be forgotten that England's last match before the World Cup in 1966 was against Poland in Katowice: a two-hour flight and a bumpy. 212-bour bus ride from Kraków, memorable for an incidence of Ramsey's dry humour. "And what are you intending to do this evening?" an enthusiastic interpreter enquired during the interminable bus journey. "Arrive in Katowice, I hope," a deadpan Old Stoneface replied.

Victory, with the only goal by Roger Hunt, in an intimidating stadium against strong opposition, gave the final proof then that England were ready to take on the world. Venables is sure that the journey this week is not wasted time. A team playing away from home in unfamiliar surroundings is toughened by the experience.

Additionally, China were approved as opponents by the Football Association to avoid the likelihood of attracting troublemakers to possible European venues within easy travelling distance. "More than that, China are no pushover. Venables said. They've recently beaten Colombia 2-1, and also strong club sides. Peñarol

and Sampdoria. It's a good test." During the past week, and the forthcoming tour. Venables is concentrating on improvement on four specific tactical themes, which he hopes will continue the development of the side. "Currently, we're stopping



Venables: scornful of "perverse" criticism

the opposition's chances, and we're creating our own," he said. Slaven Bilic, the Croatia defender, "considered we were the best side they'd met in two years, including Italy, and Croatia themselves have one of the best midfields in the game. It's silly to suggest they weren't trying at

Venables considers that there were six openings against Croatia that went begging — for Fowler and McManaman (two each), Platt and Sheringham - and that, as long as chances are being made, England are indeed making progress.

When I started, England had lost some international respect." Venables

old-fashioned 4-4-2 formation that was too 'readable'. It was wretched to hear constantly that England were behind the times. Now, we've regained some respect, and I think maybe some teams will fear us lin the finals. That's helpful. To be able to win the competition, we need a bit more time together. We believe it's coming good at the right time, and it's up to us now to prove it."

The England coach is privately delighted at the response to the challenge to his place, and the form, of Paul Ince, who was again the outstanding player against Hungary; and at the recovery of Darren Anderton, who is a key tactical figure on the flank. Anderton is comparable to Martin Peters in the mid-Sixties, as he proved with two goals on Saturday. Venables does not see Anderton as competing exclusively for a place with Stone. Fowler and McManaman. rested against Hungary, remain equally key figures for the eventual

The lack of public understanding of the relationship between coach and team is evident from speculation that Glenn Hoddle — absurdly appointed by the FA to replace a man with vastly more experience — should somehow be involved during the European championship. Nothing would more undermine what Venables has so far achieved. He must remain master of the ship until the moment when the reins pass to Hoddle, who will be as raw to the responsibility as was Graham Taylor in 1990.

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YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Tour match

Middlesex v Indians

LORD'S (I.hiddlesex won toss): Indians beat Middlesex by a faster sconng rate

INDIANS

BOVLING. Fraser 10-2-32-1; Hewitt 10-1-26-1, Follett 10-0-50-1; Carr 4-0-17-0; Tutnell 10-0-66-3; Weekes 6-0-38-2

MIDDLESEX

P N Weekes b Kumble M R Ramprakash b Ganguy

R C Fraser not out

Total (7 wkts. 46 overs)

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M W Gaiting b Kumble
J D Carr st Mongia b Tendulkar
J C Pooley c Tendulkar b Kumble
tK R Brown not out
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J P Hewitt b Smath

Extras (1b 8 at 4 nb 6)

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R A Pick and D B Pennett did not be FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-28, 3-59, 4-111, 5-167, 6-179, 7-196.

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Touring team take cold comfort from triumph against Middlesex



Brown, the Middlesex wicketkeeper, gathers the ball as Azharuddin, the Indians' captain, misses an attempted cut at Lord's yesterday. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Victory cannot disguise Indian failings

hour yesterday this was difficult to

CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

LORD'S (Middlesex won toss): The Indians beat Middlesex on faster scoring rate

IT WOULD be a misnomer to call the events of yesterday a warm-up for the Texaco Trophy, such was the wintry, windswept feel of Lord's, and allowances must be made accordingly. That said, the Indians looked underprepared and, dare it be said. ill-equipped for what awaits them this week. England, for once, can a one-day series as

second spin bowler replacing Ganguly, the Indians will probably field the same side at the Oval on Thursday, so the fact that they

EDGBASTON (Hampshire

won toss): Warwickshire beat

Hampshire on faster scoring

THE England selectors just cannot win. Within hours of

being overlooked for the one-

day internationals against In-

dia, presumably on the grounds that he is better

suited to the five-day game.

Nick Knight made the highest

score by a Warwickshire bats-

man in 28 years of Sunday

Warwickshire teams in that

period have included demoli-

tion experts such as John

Jameson, Rohan Kanhai and

Alvin Kallicharran, not to

mention such voracious builders of innings as Dennis

When you consider that

League cricket.

struggled to beat Middlesex, who lost to all four county opponents in the group stage of the Benson and Hedges Cup, was not encouraging for them. They might not have won at all if the Middlesex target, initially 233, had not been harshly revised

To be fair, it was not a day to bring the best out of the Indians. The trademarks of their cricket are wristy strokeplay and spin bowling; here, they encountered a pitch too slow for the former and temperatures too cold for the latter. Nonetheless, valid reservations persist about the balance and quality of their attack, and some of their batsmen are still below

They arrived burdened by a nonstop itinerary of limited-overs cricket in recent years at the expense of their Test-match development. In the first

Amiss and Brian Lara, it was some achievement by the left-

handed Knight, who had

never made a hundred in 58

Sunday innings. He was helped, admittedly,

by a boundary of not much

more than 50 yards on the Rea

Bank side of the ground, over

which he deposited three sixes

off Connor, Udal and Maru

but there were also twelve

crisp fours to all parts of the

ground as he advanced to 134

If Knight was trying to

make a point, then he could

not have done it more em-

phatically. At least England

have picked a specialist bats-

man, indeed a unique talent,

in Alistair Brown to go in first

in the Texaco series but there

are a few other opening

batsmen around who can get

an innings moving.

from only 104 deliveries.

discern as they scraped together eleven runs from the initial ten overs. losing both openers in the process. Rathore was leg-before, hitting across the line against Hewitt, a late replacement for the unfit Nash. Then Tendulkar, who had struggled in vain to come to terms with the sluggish surface, opened the face against Fraser and was splendidly

caught, low down at slip, by Carr. Fraser, streamlined of physique though still hangdog by nature, completed a disciplined new-ball spell of seven overs with one wicket for 12, and if Gatting had clung on to a sharp chance to his left at gully, Indians would have been 30 for three after 16 overs. Instead, Sidhu added 100 in 24 overs with Azharuddin, who confirmed his liking for Lord's -

Knight builds reputation with timely demolition

Rumour has it that Graham ent Ostler in a second-wicket Gooch, now a selector of stand of 103 in 15 overs. Ostler

had made 53 when he chose

the longest boundary for a big

hit off Udal and was well

caught by Whitaker, running

from mid-wicket towards

the previous highest Sunday

score by a Warwickshire bats-

man — not, surprisingly, by one of the aforementioned but

by Asif Din. also against

Hampshire, at Southampton

three years ago - before he

went to hit Connor back over

his head and James ran

round from mid-on to take

Warwickshire on the way to

263 for five by the end of the

35th over, whereupon the

sqaually rain that had been

threatening all afternoon, did

Knighi's effort had put

another good catch.

That left Knight to overhaul

remember his graceful century in the 1990 Test - with an uninhibited 73 from 103 balls.

The cricket, hereabouts, contained an element of farce. Caps were being blown off with regularity, the umpires called for a heavier set of bails and Fraser, now grazing in the outfield, was followed cruelly and painfully by the ball. One catch stuck, another did not and fingers were generally so frozen that even Gatting could not summon his

indignant pose. Having been becalmed at 96 for two after 30 overs, the Indians scored 136 from the last 20, Manjrekar and Jadeja playing pleasingly. Neverthedismayed Middlesex and, as Weekes and Ramprakash sensibly accelerated, the Indians' cricket lacked penetration and vitality. Srinath

not so much drive the players from the field as blow them

off it. By the time the weather

was fit for them to return,

Hampshire's target had been

It was no contest after that.

Warwickshire were in no

mood to suffer the kind of

embarrassment they are hav-

ing to endure in the current

championship match and, in

any case, Pollock bowls far

too straight for the likes of

Laney, Morris and Keech to

attempt a rate of 7.51 an over

in an opening spell of three

for 36 and Brown, helped by

some wonderful catching in

the conditions, capitalised

with Sunday-best figures of

four for 47 as Hampshire

subsided to 145 all out, 81 runs short of their revised target.

Pollock got rid of them all

in murky light.

reduced to 226 off 30 overs.

bowled wisely within himself and even Kumble, on whom so much depends, did not threaten.

Ramprakash remains short of fluency, however, and he looked rightly disappointed to fall for 41. hitting across a full-length ball from Ganguly. For a time. Gatting played as if the result was a formality, but when he missed a cut against Kumble, Middlesex subsided.

Carr was bemused by a slower ball from Tendulkar, who is a tidy bowler in such situations, and when rain intervened the target was 77 from 57 balls. This might not have been beyond Weekes, who had played with great composure, but the new equation of 58 from 33 was, Middlesex went down in an artificial flurry of shots and the Indians registered their first win over a county. It was not, however, wholly impressive.

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L NR Pts

Durham's tale of woe continues

By Michael Henderson

CHESTER-LE-STREET (Durham won toss): Yorkshire beat Durham by 63 runs

DURHAM'S season is rolling towards oblivion. They have now lost eight out of ten matches in three competitions against first-class opponents; one of the other two games was a washout. It is a sorry tale, and there is no end in

Everything that can possi-bly go wrong is doing so, and there is nothing the players can do except roll up their sleeves and change their luck by their own efforts. Betts did his best yesterday, taking three early wickets after Roseberry won the tass, but the batting was poor and Yorkshire's victory was never

in doubt. You have heard of the "pinch-hitter" but for this match Durham revealed a "locum-blocker" who, to everybody's surprise, turned out to be their West Indian opener. Sherwin Campbell batted through 12 overs for seven runs as Durham chased 200. He does not look happy at the



Silverwood: easy pickings

moment, far from home in an unnaturally cold climate, struggling to lay a decent bat on the ball.

Yorkshire, who completed their championship victory the previous day, were pegged back initially by Betts, who bowled with notable success in the first-class fixture. Before he was through he removed Byas, Vaughan and McGrath for 26 runs, to leave Yorkshire in some difficulty at 46 for When White went 15 runs

later, and with the innings almost at the halfway stage. position. But Bevan batted sensibly for his 46 and when he was caught by Roseberry, running round from mid-off. Blakey and Morris added 93 unbeaten runs in the last 11

Gooch, now a selector of

course, has not thought too

much of Knight since he

chose to leave Essex for War-

wickshire but that should not

be allowed to affect anyone

else's judgment of a player

who has worked hard to

improve his all-round tech-

Ironically, his opening part-ner yesterday was Neil Smith,

one of England's pinch-hitters

in the World Cup who has

been included in the Texaco

squad as much for his batting

as his off spin bowling.

Knight had no trouble out-

scoring him in an opening

partnership of 73 in eleven overs before Smith was

Knight was past his fifty

two overs later and proceeded

to keep pace with the belliger-

stumped off Thursfield.

Blakey, whose best days with the bat are behind him. ended up with 61 from 69 balls. Morris, the tall lefthander, whose most productive days lie ahead, made 48 from 42 balls. Durham's fielding in the closing overs was not all it might have been and Longley was particularly keen to leave the field after committing two howlers in the deep. which cost boundaries.

Roseberry was out to Silverwood's first ball, playing on, and the bowler impressed in his first spell, varying his pace intelligently and achieving further success when Morris was superbly taken at backward point by Bevan, and Campbell was leg-before. Bevan held another outstanding catch in that key one-day position in the fifteenth over to dismiss Collingwood.

Durham were never going

to win the game from that unpromising start, hard though Foster tried to fill their sails. He made 36 from 34 balls, hitting Stemp high over long-on for six, but Silverwood's return accounted for him. The innings ended tamely as Gough took two wickets and Morris, who has the makings of a handsome allrounder, took his second wicket to bring down the curtain. He also held the catch that

dismissed Foster. The only consolation for Durham on this miserable day was the return of John Wood, their pace bowler, who has missed the last year through injury. He did not bowl especially well but he is at least available, and he will not lack opportunity. The more able-bodied men Durham can call on the better, for this summer will test their resources and their spirit.

Silverwood's figures of lour for 26 were his best in the Sunday League and until the pitches here improve the quicker bowlers will all enjoy themselves. The difficulty with the square is not the least of Durham's problems. At the moment all is misery.

KENT, the AXA Equity & Law League champions, hardly made the desired start to the defence of their trophy. Beaten all too easily, first by Lancashire then by Surrey in their opening matches, they seemed to have taken heed of the views of their membership and made the county championship their priority. Last year they finished bottom of the table, which led, inevitably, to recriminations.

llford is traditionally a ground on which Essex prosper. It is where Graham Gooch and John Lever, the two cricketers who contributed most to their transformation in the 1970s and 1980s. learnt the game. This week, however. Kent not only have the better of them in their championship match, which finishes today, but triumphed

Fleming effort shows Kent's mettle mere five runs, for on a decent TABLE pitch Essex. Irani to the fore.

By Ivo Tennant

spirit. This, though, will be of no consequence to Kent, who

Such thinking was cast aside yesterday, however, on a day when rain caused three other matches to be abandoned without a ball being

in their Sunday League fixture as well.

The margin of victory was a

batted with commendable

gratefully accepted the points. They were indebted to a familiar figure. Matthew Fleming has long been considered the ideal opening batsman in limited-overs cricket. Indeed, such has been his success at this form of the game that he has now been given that task in four-day matches as well. If his technique, as well as his lack of patience, does not ideally suit him to the requirements of first-class cricket — he quite simply likes to hit the first ball of the match to the boundary - then this is no hindrance when it comes to the instant

His innings yesterday was a match-winning one. It comprised 112 runs from 91 balls. including 11 fours and five sixes. Adjoining the ground in Valentine's Park is a bowling green, which is no sedate place to be when he is at the wicket. There were runs, too, for Hooper, 73, to go with his century in the championship match. Essex no longer have

Lancashire (4) Middlesex (17) Yorkshire (12) Warwicks (2) Derbyshire (8 Gloucs (15) (Last season's positions in brackets)

Lever to restrict such hitting: poor Grayson, recruited from Yorkshire this season, was particularly harshly treated. Kent finished with a total of 276 for six.

Essex made a spirited reply. Robinson began with a halfcentury: Gooch, batting these days in the middle-order in this competition, contributed quick runs; Irani, the allrounder whose game has been transformed since arriving at Chelmsford from Manchester, a spirited innings of 80.

JER Gallian not out JP Crawley low b Pennett N H Farbrother not out Total (3 wids, 31.1 overs); G D Lloyd, I D Austin, †W K Hegg, G Yates, G Chapple and P J Martan did not FALL OF WICKETS 1-145, 2-185

BOWLING, Pennett 8-0-47-2. Pick 41-0; Caims 4-0-32-0; Tolley 5-0-28. Dowrnar: 5.1-0-53-1; Archer 3-0-7-0. Umpires: J H Hampshire and J H Ham

Warwickshire v Hampshire EDGBASTON (Hampshire won toxis) Warwickshire (4pts) beat Hampshire by

N V Knight c James b Connor N M K Smith st Aymes b Thursfield D P Ostler c Whitaker b Udal T L Penney c Thursfield b Udal Extras (lb 2, w 3) . . Total (4 wkts, 35 overs) P A Smith, D R Brown, †K J Paper, & Welch and A F Giles old not bet

BOWLING Smath 10-0-30-2, Ven-katesh Prasad 7-2-13-0; Kumble 10-0-44-3; Ganguly 7-0-39-1, Tendulkar 10-1-41-1; Jadeja 2-0-17-0 FALL OF WICKETS 1-73, 2-176, 3-191, AXA Equity & Law League



Durham v Yorkshire

BOWLING Betts 8-0-26-3; Wood 8-0 41-0 Killeen 8-0-30-0; Foster 8-0-48-1 Britieck. 8-0-50-1. S L Campbell lbw b Silverwood M A Roseberry b Silverwood J E Morns c Bevan b Silverwood

Extras (b 7, lb 13, w 8) Total (32 overs) FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-27, 3-31, 4 56, 5-75, 6-83, 7-123, 8-125, 9-134. BOWLING: Gough 6-1-16-2; Silverwood 8-0-26-4: Hartley 6-0-18-1; Siemp 7-0-37-0, Morns 5-0-19-2 Umpires. D J Constant and T E Jesty

Essex v Kent ILFORD (Essex won toss): Kent (4pts) beat Essex by five runs

FR Ward c Iranib Law М V Fleming c Iranib Law TS A Marsh not out Extras (No 5, w 9, no 2) Total (6 wkts. 40 overs) ..272 M J McCague, N W Presion and T N Wren did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-49, 2-101, 3-192, 4-194, 5-251, 6-271 BOWLING: llott 8-0-29-1; Cowan 8-0-34-0, Law 8-1-81-2; Irani 6-0-42-1, Such 3-0-24-0, Grayson 7-0-57-2.

N Hussain b Fleming

A Gooch b Fleming
J Prichard run out
J Rollins not out
Grayson run out C Notic Walker b Fleming PM Such nordur Extras (b. 4. Ro. 12. w.9) . . Total (9 wkts. 40 overs) FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-94, 3-148, 4-224, 6-263, 7-264, 8-264, 9-266

BOWLING Eatham 8-1-34-0; Wren 8-0-50-1; McCague 8-0-63-1, Hooper 8-0-39-0; Fleming 7-0-50-3, Prestor 1-0-15-Umpires B Leadbeater and V A Holder

Nottinghamshire v Lancashire

TRENT BRIDGE (Lancashire won loss): ancashire (4pts) beat Nottingha NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

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With eight balls remaining. Essex required 15 runs. It was within their compass, only new batsmen were constantly appearing at the crease. Ulti-

mately, they fell five runs short. At Trent Bridge, meanwhile. Lancashire gained a straightforward victory, winning by seven wickets. Nottinghamshire, other than Cairns knocking up a halfcentury and Johnson, the captain, 48, simply did not make enough runs. Lancashire, of course, are a considerable limited overs side at present having beaten Warwickshire last week to gain a Benson and Hedges quarter-final at Old

Trafford. Watkinson chooses to open the batting in this form of cricket and, yesterday, was soon out-scoring his more correct and puritanical part ner, Atherton. When he was finally out to Pennett, the medium-pacer, Lancashire more or less had the match: won. He and Watkinson had put on 145 for the first wicket and, although Crawley was out without scoring, Gallian remained,in a match reduced by rain to 38 overs a side.

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BOWLING: Benjamin 7-0-48-0; James 6-0-41-0; Thursfield 4-0-38-1; Connor 6-

Fleming: century

for Kent 0-47-1, Udal 8-0-44-2; Maru 4-0-43-0 HAMPSHIRE

R Whitaker b Gles CD James b Reeve tA N Aymes b Brown S D Udel c Piper b Bro M J Thursfield c Giles A J Thursfield c Giles b Brove *R J Maru not out Extras (lb 9, w 6, nb 2)

Total (25.9 overs) . FALL OF WICKETS: 1-48, 2-59, 3-85, 4-103, 5-103, 6-115, 7-137, 8-143, 9-145. BOWLING: Reeve 5.3-0-23-2; Pollock 8-0-36-3; Welch 3.1-0-19-0; Brown 6.5-1-47-4; Giles 2-0-11-1. 5 20

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Umpires: K J Lyons and R A White No play yesterday

Bristol: Gloucestershire (2pts) Derbyshire (2): Leicester. Leicestershire (2pts) Worcestershire

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REBOARDS

ALAN LEE Cricket Correspondent

Championship Commentary

KEVAN JAMES and Raj Maru are the type of cricketers for whom one is instinctively pleased when things go well. And at Birmingham, they have gone better than either man, so late in such essentially modest careers, can have be-lieved possible. The champinons, Warwickshire, face defeat against Hampshire and at the heart of this upset are two men for whom cricket may soon have no time, no patience.

In the exacting, elitist cricket that other countries have embraced and England must inevitably court, there is no potential for the romantic comebacks made by James and Maru this week - no houseroom, indeed, for two men who have been playing county cricket for 17 years without earning a benefit or so much as suggesting that they might be capable of a step up

There are, as few would dispute, far too many cricketers merely surviving on the county circuit long into their thirties, thus depleting its quality and compromising its use as a nursery for Test cricket. There is a downside to such hard-nosed progress, however, for the English professional game has a breadth that is its appeal as well as its millstone. Events such as those at Edgbaston in the past few days cannot lightly be dismissed when, as must surely occur, the county structure is updated by those with the national interest as their

James and Maru began their careers in the same year and at the same club. Middlesex. Neither saw much future. make the most of their rethere and so, independently, they moved to Hampshire, Maru in 1984 and James a year later. More than a decade on, they are part of the furniture at Southampton and have been sharing the second-XI captaincy with resignation

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if not contentment. Hampshire, however, had begun the year badly. By the middle of last week, they were out of the Benson and Hedges Cup, had lost their opening games in both the championship and Sunday League and had lost their new captain, John Stephenson, with a hand injury. As if this was not enough, their finances, their very future, are at risk as long as anticipated money from the lottery to fund their new ground fails to materialise. Among the solutions was a recall for the old retainers.

On Saturday James responded with 118 not out against a Warwickshire attack that routinely sweeps aside such downbeat counties. As for Maru, recall extended to his taking over the captaincy, with Robin Smith now incapacitated by a cracked finger. Maru declared, boldly, to set Warwickshire 359 and then opened the bowling with his own left-arm spin.

Warwickshire may yet win, for they are a team of boundless capacity in such situa-tions. But they have to make the highest total of the match, by 82 runs on a pitch of uncertain bounce. The odds, today, are on a Hampshire win, partly brought about by two men of a dying breed.

Raymond Illingworth has spent some time at Edgbaston this week but did not, of course, enter the names of Maru and James in his notebook. But the chairman of the England selectors will be looking a shade smug this morning at the sight of Leicestershire and Yorkshire, his two former counties, at the head of the county champion-

Both took less than three days to register their second wins of the season against, respectively, Worcestershire and Durham, whose attentions are likely to remain at the opposite end of the table. Although Yorkshire have abundant, youthful talent, as Illingworth is fond of mentioning, Leicestershire continue to sources in a way that seems beyond many counties.

Kent, for instance, are an enigma. Stocked with players close to international class. they still finished last in the 1995 championship but have begun the new term rather better. Lancashire have already been beaten and now they are commanding the match against Essex, who were partly responsible for the week's romance. It was they who thrashed Hampshire twice in two days last week which helped to ensure that Maru and James did not remain at Southampton with the second team.

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Lathwell cashing in on net gains

Simon Wilde on a remodelled batsman

whose application should be welcomed by England's selectors

The romanties will be disappointed. the pragmatists delighted. Mark Lathwell, the only cricketer to be chosen for England in modern times for playing every match as though it were a village green affair, has finally

changed his ways. Where once he relied on his wonderful eye to give the ball a thump, now he plays the game where all top-class sport is played: in the head. It seems to be working, as a steady flow of runs testifies. Lathwell's conversion occ-

urred late last season, when his struggle (or runs cuiminated in his voluntary absence from Somerset's final three championship mat-ches. "One day Peter Bowler [the Somerset vice-captain] came to me and said: 'Let's face it, Mark, your technique is dreadful;" Lathwell said. 'No one had said that to me before. Usually I just got: Never mind, you're going through a bad patch."

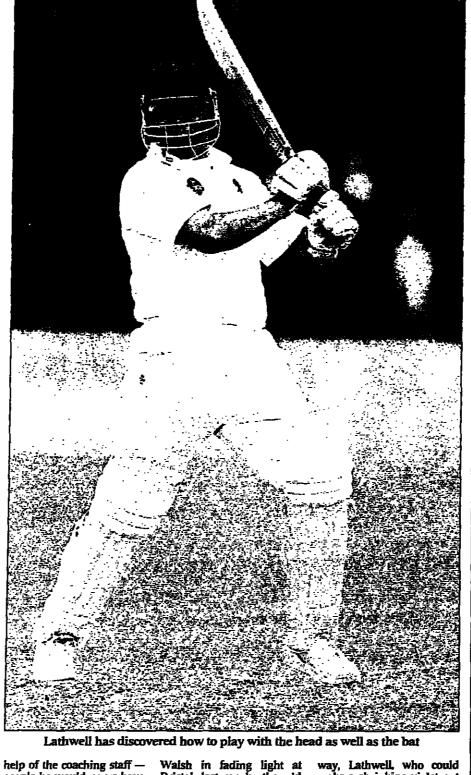
"I could have told Peter to get lost, but I did not because l knew deep down he was right. I needed someone to tell me the truth."

Lathwell's response was to embark on a radical overhaul of his game, which did not end with technique. He had been tinkering with that since the second of his two England A tours, to South Africa in 1993-94, which had exposed his limitations.

Bowler also encouraged him to examine his mental approach. "Peter gave me some suggestions about what to think about as the bowler runs in, so that I am focused and ready." Lathwell said. "In the past, I hadn't thought about any thing much when I batted. When I came into the firstso much better than those in the leagues it was like paradise. I could get by on my eye

However, Lathwell's eye did not get him by for long. It was enough for him to score 1.000 runs in his tirst full season, enough for him to be selected for England, after only 25 championship appearances, in his second. But it was not enough to prevent his confidence being in tatters by the third. His brief Test career - two matches against Australia in 1993 and the tour of South Africa

Two years on, Lathwell. 24, may finally have put those setbacks behind him. During the winter, he spent two days every week in the Taunton nets and studying his game on video. With the



people he would never have gone near in his early days he made overdue adjustments to his stance and footwork. One day they clicked into place with his

new mental disciplines. Lathwell feels it was important that he began the season as he did, with an authoritative century against Middlesex at Lord's. That convinced him the changes he had made were right. His new-found stability has also been helped by him and his young family — which he has so often put ahead of his career - settling into a new home in Barnstaple.

He certainly strikes a different figure at the crease. Faced with the uncompromising pace of Courtney

Walsh in fading light at Bristol last week, the old Lathwell would have taken his chances and probably soon perished. The new one. though still unleashing an occasional withering drive or cut with his powerful forearms, grafted for two hours for a commendable 49.

e fell to an excellent ball from Walsh that he could do little about and took it philosophically. "Now that he knows why he is getting out negative about failures he does not understand," one friend said. Lathwell himself said: "I feel better about my game now than at any other

In his usual understated

make a shrinking violet put on a couple of inches simply by walking past it, declared that he is ready to play for England again. "My main aim is to keep my place in the Somerset side," he said, "but of course I want to play for England again. Every county cricketer in the country wants to do that." Lathwell, who has never

let his feet stray far from the ground, has said all along that he could live without England: whether England can live without him if he continues to play as he is doing now must be doubtful. Bowler is in no doubt. "I'm absolutely certain he will be interesting the England selectors in the next couple of years," he said.

Roseberry still confident of happy ending

Michael Henderson meets the captain struggling to earn respect for Durham

might be forgiven for seeking places to hide at the moment. The Durham team he leads has been vanquished utterly in the past week, first by Middlesex, who dismissed them for 67 at Lord's, and then by Yorkshire. who completed a victory inside three days by 144 runs at Chester-le-Street on Saturday.

He knows that people are muttering. To the outside world, Durham cricket has regressed since the club was admitted to the county championship in 1992 and now, after just three matches, it is reasonable to say that they will do well to avoid finishing last this season. To be bumping along the bottom after this time was not part of the plan when they petitioned for first-class status and there are some disgruntled voices.

Theirs is a young team, leavened with batting experience in the shape of Roseberry. John Morris and Sherwin Campbell, the West Indies opening batsman, who be-

'Bumping

along at the

bottom was

not part

came the new overseas player when Dean Jones opted to join Derbyshire. They will rely even more heavily on those players now that Jimmy Daley, promising young batsman, is out of action for the

finger on Saturday. As captain, Roseberry is the most obvious target for local disappointment and he app-ears to be bearing up well. After the success enjoyed by Newcastle United and Sunderland, some folk feel that all Durham have to do is wave a wand, or a cheque-book, for things to right themselves. Roseberry, like others before

him at Durham, is finding out

that educating the cricket public to the different world cricketers inhabit is a frustrating exercise. He has not given up hope;

far from it. In time, he feels, Durham will have a decent team and it is his deepest wish, as a man who returned to his home county to take up the captaincy, to provide it. His ontimism is undiminished by the battering the team has taken in recent weeks and he will not be distracted by the false expectations of others.

"The way forward is with the youngsters", he said. "The problem is, while they are learning the game, they are still quite naive but if they are playing they must be learning.

"People always say in England that, unlike Australia, wedon't put lads in the team

when they are young enough but there are plenty in our

The latest to make an impression is Melvyn Betts, a 21year-old pace bowler, who shire second innings. The trick is integrating him and others, such as Paul Collingwood and Michael Foster, into a side that is more accustomed to winning than losing, and that transformation remains far

Roseberry has seen cricket from both sides. At Middlesex, whom he joined as a teenager from Durham School, he won two championships under Mike Gatting and he retains the highest regard for his old club. When Durham played at Lord's, he took the opportunity to discuss things with Gatting and Angus Fraser, his closest cricketing chum, and he took heart from what he heard.

I struggled for form last year but I am feeling more confident now and it helps to make runs. We have been competitive in most games.

but not for the duration. Lord's, where we bowled out Middlesex on the first day, we lost the game by not making more than 200 in our first innings.
"I am a pretty

of the plan' tough character after breaking his left index but if you are losing games then it does get you down. We have got to be more aggressive in our cricket and learn to concentrate throughout a match, not just for parts of it." That failing was evident in Yorkshire's first innings when Stemp and Silverwood were allowed to make 110 for the last wicket, runs that in the end separated the sides.

it cannot help the players that the club itself has never settled down properly. The Riverside ground at Chesterle-Street remains incomplete and when Mike Candlish joins Durham later this summer he will become the third chief executive in four years

There is no lack of spirit Simon Brown, their gifted leftarm opening bowler, turned down the chance of a move to Lancashire last winter because he was happy with his lot. Roseberry feels that the arrival as coach of Norman Gifford has helped him, too. 'Giff [Gifford] and Geoff Arnold, who has worked with us, are great talkers about the game and it is good for the younger players to grow up in a dressing-room where people talk about the game."

As he would be the first to confess, however, there is a lot of growing up to do.

SATURDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Tetley's Challenge Series

Sussex v Indians HOVE (final day of three): Sussex dr SUSSEX: First irmings 247 for 4 dec (C W J Athey 80, K Greenfield 65)

Second Innings C W J Athey at Dravid b Joshi N Greenfield not out
M P Speight b Joshi ...
A P Wells not out Firmas (Ib 3. nb 6) Total (2 wids dec) FALL OF WICKETS: 1-79, 2-85. FALL OF WILKE 15: 1-79, 2-85.
BOWLING: Mhambrey 13-3-27-0;
Ganguly 1-0-8-0; Smrath 4-3-4-0; Hiswans
9-1-28-0; Ventatapathy Raju 11-3-58-0;
Joshi 14-184-2; Tendusar 3-0-20-0;
Jadeje 1-0-2-0 NDIANS: First Immings 185 for 3 dec (S.F. endulker 85, S.V. Mantreker 66 not out) Second Innings

Total (4 wkts) WICKETS: 1-0, 2-69, 3-82, 4-110. BOWLING: Lewy 8-2-31-1, Jarvis 9-0-51-C, Law 8-0-27-1; Giodins 8-1-28-1; Phillips 9-3-44-1. Umpires: M J Kitchen and A A Jones.

Britannic Assurance county championship Durham v Yorkshire CHESTER-LE-STREET (third day of lour) Yorkshire (23pts) beat Durham (5) by 144 YORKSHIRE: First innings 335 (M G Beven 90, R O Stemp 65; S J E Brown 4 Ion

A McGrath c Daley b Brown
M P Vaughan low b Brown
D Byas b Betts
G White c Scott b Betts
R J Blakey c Scott b Brown
A C Morris c Boffing b Betts
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J Hartley b Setts
E W Stvenwood not out

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-10, 3-52, 4-83, 5-116, 6-117, 7-119, 8-189, 9-196. BOMLING: Brown 20-8-54-5; Betts 23 4-4-87-5; Foster 11-1-37-0; Boffing 12-7-27-

DAJRHAM: First Imnings 215 (J E Morns :: P J Hantley 4 for 67) Second Innings JE Morris nun out
JA Daley retired hurt
JI Longley b Hentley
P D Collingwood c Morris b Hartley
M J Foster c Byas b Hartley
fC W Scott c Hartley b Gough J Solling low b Gough S J E Brown b Silvenwood ..

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-26, 3-49, 4-87, 5-111, 6-129, 7-169, 8-180, 9-186. BOWLING: Gough 16-6-38-2; Hartley 22: 7-32-4; White 5-1-12-0; Silverwood 13.5-3 40-2; Stamp 7-2-23-0; Bevan 6-2-24-0

Umpires: D J Constant and T E Jesty Leicestershire v Worcestershire

LEICESTER (thard day of four): LeiCester-shire (24pts) beat Wordestershire (2) by an arange and 130 runs LEICESTERSHIRRE: First Innings 638 for 8 dec (A Habib 215, J J Whitaker 168, D L Maddy 63, P V Simmons 51) WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 155 (D J Milins 4 for 37) Second innings TS Curils c Smith b Multally

W P C Weston b Wells

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G A Hick, C Simmons b Millins

"T M Moody b Multally

D A Leatherdale c Nizon b Parson

K R Spurnig c Nizon b Simmons

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S R J convill f Wells A Sheriyer not out Extras (b 11, lb 13, w 2, nb 2) Total FALL OF WICKETS 1-5, 2-16, 3-36, 4-157 5-226, 6-230, 7-324, 8-328, 9-328. BOWLING: Militis 22-4-67-2; Multally 22-5-4-101-3, Pierson 10-1-32-0; Parsons 14-3-47-1; Wells 16-1-64-2; Simmons 7-2-18-2.

Umpires: A Clarkson and P Willey. Essex v Kent ILFORD (third day of four) Essex, with eight second-innings inclies in hand need 173 runs to avoid an innings deteat

KENT: First Immings 590 (C.L. Hooper 155, S.A. Marsh 127, G.R. Cowdrey 111; P.M. Such 5 for 145) ESSEX: First Innings G A Gooch st Marsh b Patel D D J Robinson st March b Hooper P M Such c Ward b Hooper P M Such c Ward o Houper
S G Law c Eathern b Petel
P J Prichard b Hooper
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M J Rollins c Eatham b Patel
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N F Williams c Cowdrey b McCague J H Childs not out Edines (To 4) Total (110.5 overs) ..

Second innings G A Goodhic Hooper b Eathern . D D J Robinson not out N Hussein low b Patel Total (2 wkts) FALL OF WICKETS 1-9, 2-12. 90WLING: McCague 2-1-9-0, Eaham 5-3-5-1, Palei 21-4-46-1; Hooper 15-4-35-0; Ward 1-0-5-0; Preston 2-1-7-0

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-48, 2-62, 3-120, 4-136, 5-149, 6-220, 7-234, 8-275, 9-305

Umpres: B Leadbeater and V A Holde

Glamorgan v Derbyshire CARDIFF (third day of lour): Derbyshire, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 119 runs ahead of Glamorgan. DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 464 (C M Wells 165, J.E. Owen 105, A.S. Rollins 73, K M. kritiken 51; R.D. B. Crott 4 for 122, G.P. Butcher 4 for 28) Second Innings

Total (1 wkt)FALL OF WICKET 1-8. BOWLING: Watton 4-1-8-0; Thomas 4-1-7-1; Kendrick 5-1-10-0; Croft 4-2-9-0.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings GLAMCRGAN: First Inninge
S P James c Knikten b Malcolm
1C P Metson c Krikten b Malcolm
H Morris b Harris
A Dale c Krikten b Cork
"M P Mayward c Krikten b Cork
P A Cottey not cut
G P Butcher not out
Extras (b 4, b 8, w 7, nb 5) Total (5 wids dec, 92.1 overs) R D B Croft, N M Kendrick, S D Thomas and S L Walkin did not bal. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-14, 3-67, 4-127, 5-225.

BOWLING, Malcolm 20-4-91-2, Cork 17.1-4-40-2; Harris 23-5-104-1; Wells 12-3-49-0; Vandrau 13-2-64-0; Barnett 6-2-21-0; Bonus comis: Glamorgan 6, Derbyshire 6. Umpires: A G T Whitehead and D R Shepherd

Gloucestershire v Somerset BRISTOL (therd day of tour): Gloucester-shire, with four second-minings wokets in hand, are 140 runs ahead of Somersel GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Immgs 283 (THIC Hancock 89, RIC Russell 63; SiLee Second Innings

A J Wright c Turner b Caddick 17
R P Davis c Turner b Shine 31
T H C Hancock c and b Shine 9
A Symonols low b Batty 47
M W Alleyne low b Lee 27
R C Russel c Rose b Batty 1 J Cunlitie not out . M C J Ball not out Extras (b 1, lb 1) BOWLING, Capitick 14-4-56-1, Shane 13-0-43-2; Batty 7-2-17-2; Lee 6-2-18-1. SOMERSET: First Innings

M N Lathwell o Clevis b Walsh . . . P D Bowler o Russell b Walsh . . . A N Hayhurst c Hancek b Welsh
A I Harden run out
P C L Hollowey run out
S Lee c sub b Smith Total (85.3 overs) ...

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-15, 3-77, 4-112, 5-139, 6-231, 7-252, 8-259, 9-259

BOWLING: Walsh 24-6-73-3; Smith 21.3-6-56-3; Lewis 19-7-46-0; Davis 9-0-44-0; Alleyne 5-1-15-0; Bell 7-0-24-2. Bonus points. Gloucestershire 6, Somerset 6.

Nottinghamshire v Lancashire TRENT BRIDGE (thrd day of four): Notunghamshre, with sh. second-mnings wickers in hand, are 242 runs ahead of Lancashire NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 452 (R T Robinson 122, C L Calm Johnson 63; S Elworthy 4 tor 91)

SOWLING: Martin 8-2-24-1, Chapple 5-0-19-0; Eworthy 9-2-30-2; Keedy 13-2-47-0; Walkinson 11-3-43-0, Galkan 4-2-20-1.

LANCASHIRE: First limings A Atherion c Noon b Caims
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Chapple c Noon b Alford Chapple c Noon b Alloro ... J Speak low b Calms 4 Walkinson c Bales b Afford M Walkinson c Ba W K Hegg not out Noon b Pick

Total (9 wkts dec) Score at 120 overs: 375-9 score at 120 Overs: 3/5-9 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-162, 3-233, 4-239, 5-256, 6-277, 7-286, 8-347, 9-347, BOWLING: Carris 30-7-95-2, Pennett 20-2-76-0; Pick 20.4-4-74-3; Afford 44-15-83-3, Bates 17-5-55-1. Bonus points Nottinghamshire 8. Lan Umpres: J H Hampshire and J H Hams. Warwickshire v Hampshire

EDGBASTON (third day of four): Warwick-share, with all second hinlings wickets in hand, require 350 runs to beal Hampshare HAMPSHIRE: First innings 274 (J.S.Laney Second innings

K D James not out tA N Aymes not out Extras (b 7, fb 17) Total (5 wkts dec)276 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-36, 2-87, 3-140, 4 719, 5-221. 30WLING: Pollock 16-5-42-0, Brown 9.2: 1-36-0; Reeve 21-7-42-0; Welch 11-2-29-1, Giles 25-8-62-2; Smith 19-4-41-1 WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 192 (C A Connor 5 for 57) Second innings

Extras (b 2) Total (no wkt) ... BOWLING: Connor 2-2-0-0: Maru 1-0-7-0. Bonus points: Warwickshire 4, Hampshire Umpires, K.J. Lyons and R.A. White. University matches

Cambridge University v Middlesex FENNER'S (final day of three): Cambridge University drew with Middlesax CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First Innings 900 for 7 dec (W J House 127) Second Innings

Second innings
R O Jones low b Weekes
E T Smith b Tufnel
A Singh c Fay b Tufnel
R Q Cake c Harrison b Weekes
W J House c Harrison b Tufnel
R T Regnauth b Weekes
P J Deeken o Harrison b Weekes
D R H Chunton b Tufnel
G R Molfer low b Weekes
A R Whitait is wo b Weekes
A N Janison not out
Extras (b 8, b 6, nb 8)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-52, 2-133, 3-145, 4-163, 5-164, 6-168, 7-169, 8-174, 9-189. BOWLING: Foliett 11-1-54-0; Fay 6-1-14-0; Tulmell 28.3-11-56-5; Weekes 24-6-61-

MIDDLESEX: First linnings 243 for 3 dec (J C Pooley 138 not out, J P Hewitt 72) Second Imings D J Nash b Whiteli .. J C Pooley at Churton b Whiteli LC Harrison not out Extras (b 7, lb 4, w 1, nb 12)

Total (6 wids) .. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-59, 2-146, 3-165, 4-178, 5-183, 6-187. BOWLING: Moffat 5-1-22-0; Whittail 27.3-1-103-3; Janisch 5-0-19-1; Jones 19-2-Umphes: J F Sieele and R Palme

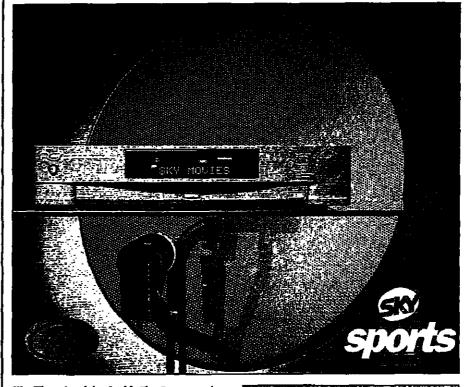
Oxford University v Northamptonshire

THE PARKS (final day of three): Oxford University drew with Northamptonshire NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Immos 335 for 2 dec (R R Montgomene 126, D J Roberts 72, M B Loye 67 not out, T C Second Innings

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-131. BOWLING Du Preez 10-2-29-0; Thomson 10-2-33-1; Malik 9-0-67-1, Mather 7-0-27-0. Khan 2-0-15-0. OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Irmings 258 for 7 dec (G Khan 96, J N Batty 56, M E D Jamett 50 not out) Umpres: R Julian and K E Palme

Total (2 wkts)

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BILLIARDS

MALTA: Mesters tournament: Cuarter-finals: A Foldvair (Aus) int M Russell (Eng) 457-347: R Chapman (Eng) bt P Glichrist (Eng) 745-354* J Grech (Malta) bt I Williamson (Eng) 443-319; G Schri (India) bt V Elui (Malta) 695-343 Semi-finals: Chap-man bt Foldvari 867-323, Seffu bt Grach 871-802

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LAS VEGAS: International Boxing Federation waiterweight championship (12mds) Felor Trindad (P Roo. holder) to Freddie Pendleton (US) ko 5th. World Boxing Association teatherweight championship (12mds) Withrated Vasquez (P Rico) bi Erroy Roas (Ven, holder) ku 11th. MELBOURNE: International Boxing Federation fightweight championship (12mds): Philip Holiday (SA, holder) bi Jeff Fenech (Aus) ku 2nd LIVETPCOC MULTI-memors international amention to universality. Super-treasy resignit: A Levin (Swe) bit E Futhersann (Ser) risc Sird Heavyweight I Kohnin (Rus) bit Ruldin (Lall pts. Light-heavyweight R (more (Aus) bit 1 Amos-Ross (Carl) w/o. Middleweight S Bendall (Eng) bit J Peace

(Eng) w/o. Light-middleweight: S Gorodnitchev (Ular) bt C Sanavia (it) pris. Weitenweight: S Dzizirouk (Ular) bt M Charchan (Fr) set 2nd Light-weight: M E Zaidnarov (Flus) bt C Wall (Engl. pris. Light-weight: M Strange (Carr) bt G Laur (it) pris Featherweight: R Paden (Aus) bt E Canoy (Phil) pts Bantamweight: R Mataldribekov (Flus) bt J Swan (Aus) pts. Plyweight: H Russein (Aus) bt V Nayman (isr) w/o Lights-flyweight: M Vefasco (Phil) bt R Laing (Scot) pts. CROQUET

CHELTENHAM CHAMPIONSHIP: Ment Second round: I J Burridge bt P L Smith +24, +17: D J Magge bt R Tribe -3, +9, +8; B G Hallern bt D Hamson-Wood -9, -8, +9; O J letazore r P Day 1:30, +22, +22, 5 Carrish bit D L Gaurt +140, +14; E T Duckworth bit A T R Leegale +8, +17; L G Tibble bit P Cordingley +4, +18, Semi-linal: Goacher bt Burridge +19, +17, -15, +7 Wornent. Semi-linals; P V Healey bit F E Ransom +21, -14, +5, D Root bit L Taylor-Webb +23, +26 Final: Root bit Healey +13, -14, +9

CYCLING

NAFPAKTOS, Greecs: Giro d'Italia. (Second stage. 231 lm): 1. G. Magnusson (Sweden, Amore and Vita) fire 39 mm 46sec: 2, S. Zamini (It, Gewes); 3, A. Edo (Spain, Kehre); 4, M. Marzoni (It, Rosiotto). 5. M. Trawssoni (It, Carlera); 6, G. Lombardi (It, Pott) all same time 5, M Traversoni (It, Carrera): 6, G Lombard (It, Pott) all same time
TIME-TRIALS: Lincoln Grend Prix (102 miles): 1, K Dawson (Optimum Parformance RT) 4th (Smin Orbes, 2, P Curran (Opt Parf) at 45sec, 3, J Bayfield (Controlivare RT) same time Bec CC (Lingled), Surrey, 78 miles): 1, B Elcome (Festival RC) 3th 20mn 29sec; 2, P Mason (Wrelenson) CC) at 19sec; 3, M Coyles (Festival RC) at 21sec, RTTC National (10 mile): 1, R Heyles (Team Ambrosia) 20min 06sec; 2, S Dangarilleid (Parker International RT) 20:29; 3, G Pletts (Coshville Wheelers) 20:43 Team: Parker International RT) 10:325 Result subsect to confirmation. Mid Shropshire Wheelers (20:3) miles): 1, E Deame (Bournemouth Jubbles Wheelers) 10:35 Result subsect to confirmation. Mid Shropshire Wheelers (20:3) Team: Mid Shropshire Midesport (20:20:1) The Shrini 36sec; 2, D Mamot (Ravenshirope CC) 2:00:19:3 M Oliver (Noveton Park CC) 2:01:28 Team: Matook CC 6:33:58.
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ROAD RACING: Prescot Eagle RC (84 miles): 1, A Tinsley (New Brighton CC) 3tr 34mm 35sec. 2. G. Adamson (Strettord Wheelers) at 1 sec; 3, M. Walls (Cleveleys RC) at 3eec.

FENCING

LANSDOWNE CLUB: The Miller-Haffe British Open Epee championship: 1, (Benyman (Cardif), 2, K Lovejoy (LTFC); N Olympilis (LTFC) and H West (LTFC) SALISBURY: British Youth Champion-ships: Under-12 foll: Boys: 1, J Barnett (London), 2, L Halstead (London); 3, T Jenyon (Eastern) and Dudley (London) Girls: 1, E Shephard (Northwest), 2, H Lowis (Eastern), 3 M Beevers (Eastern) and J Crook (Northwest)

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MOTOR RACING

GOLF

FORT WORTH, Texes: Mestercard Colonial tournement: Leading third-round scores (US unless stated): 202: R Mediate 68, 68, 68 203: C Pavin 69, 67, 67. 205: F Couples 70, 67, 68, 208: D Durval 69, 69, 68, J Sluman 69, 67, 70 207: M Hulbert 71, 70, 66; B Ode (Aus) 68, 70; T G Morgan 70, 67, 70; E Alborey 67, 89, 71; J Gallagher 66, 70, 71 210: J Ozalar (Jepen) 71, 70, 69, 211: N Price (2m) 69, 70, 72, 213: G Wate (N2) 71, 70, 72, 214: S Elongton (Aus) 70, 73, 71; C Parry (Aus) 70, 69, 75, 215: E Els (SA) 75, 69, 61; V Singh (Fij) 74, 70, 71

ST GEORGE'S, Sandwicht: English Open Amaleur stroke play championship: Leading third-round scores (GB and in unless stated): 221: P Fention (Huddersheld) 71, 71, 72, 225: R McGurk (Pimce's 37, 75, 77, 225: B Toone (Ellesmere) 74, 74, 78, 227: S Alan (Aus) 71, 75, 81, 228: R Wiggins (Ponteland) 74, 72, 62, 229: O Dand (Fi) 71, 79, 79: B Taylor (Honghel) 74, 76, 81, 203: G Water (Stealord) 76, 7c, 7e, 1 Richardson (Burghiey Pk) 77, 75, 78. S Mann (Burghier) 74, 74, 88, 827: S Millandersheld) 74, 72, 63, 83; A Campbell (Caerleon) 72, 71, 86, 23: N Hiladokey (Haylung) 77, 77, 77, 78, 78, 79; W Taylor (Brynhall 77, 75, 80; B Barham (Lydd) 69, 78, 83 294; R Symbol (Hoogh 74, 78, 81; J Roses (Morth Hants) 74, 78, 79; W Haylor (Brynhall 77, 76, 80, D Lucas (Wonscop) 75, 76, 82 M Smith (Forest Habis) 77, 77, 79; M Sharkon (Paynhall 77, 76, 80, D Lucas (Wonscop) 75, 76, 82; M Kland (Naviley Pk) 77, 77, 83, 82; M Sland (Naviley Pk) 77, 77, 81, 82; M Sland (Physiol Price) 73, 78, 85; M Flandor (Physiol Price) 74, 76, 80, D Lucas (Wonscop) 75, 76, 82; M Kland (Naviley Pk) 77, 77, 81, 82; M Sland (Naviley Pk) 76, 77, 81, 82; M Sland (Naviley Pk) 77, 77, 81, 82; M Sland (Naviley Pk) 77, 77, 81, 82; M Sland (Naviley Pk) 77, 77, 81, 8

82. CLIFTON, New Jersey: NFL Sensors Classic: Leading first round scores; 62: 9 Murphy 31, 31: 67: T Aaron 24: 32: L Tex. 35, 32: 68: J Neiler 33: 35: T Wargs 33: 35: 89: J Sign 33: 34: 70: Bob Dicksch 36: 34: L Text 48: Marrier 36: 34: L Text 48: L Tex

Mowry 35, 35, W Jermbriski 35, 35 J Ero 39, 31; Pi Royd 34, 36; J Den; 27, 33 Amano 35,35 **GYMNASTICS**

BIRMINGHAM: European women's champlonships: Vault 1, S Amarat (Port; 9.774pts; 2 G Gogean (Rom) 9 768; 3, L Podkopayeva (Uhr) 9 768; 4 D kuchetoka (Russ) 9,726 and S Khorkma (Russ) 9,725 aqual; 6, S Boginskaya (Bekir 9 662, 7 L)

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Stollenberg (Aus) bi S. Stolle (Aus) 6-4, 6-4;
C. Woodhulf (LS) bi R. Fromberg (Aus) 6-4
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6-3, 3-6, 6-2; Woodhulf bi Frana 6-4, 6-2.

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ATHLETICS

ATLANTA: Grand prix meeting (US unless stated): Men: 100m: 1, D Mitchell 9:93sec: 2 C Lewis 9:94: 3, D Barley (Can): 9:97. 200m: 1 M Johnson 19:83: 2 M Marsh 19:88, 3, O Adenthen (Nigera): 20:26, 400m: 1, B Reynolds: 44:31: 2, D Mits: 475, 3 R Black. (GB): 44:81: 6 I Thomas (GB): 45:37. 800m: 1, J Gray Imm: 43:95sec: 2 D Kipton (Ken): 14:584, 3, J Tengolei (Ken): 14:588 Mile: 1 N Morceli (Alo): 3:50:86, 2 S Holman: 3:51:35: 3, D Kibt: 1 Kibn. 3:55:16: 3,000m: 1, P Brotwen): 7:47:80:2. J Seveny: (Nor): 7:48:42. 3 M Yeno: (Ken): 7:48:75: 110m hundles: 1, M Crear 13:29sec: 2 A Johnson 12:31, 3, J Perce: 13:38: Disc; A Jarrett: 400m hundles: 1, 6 Bronson 48:66: 2 D Adluns: 43:79: 3: W Graham: Jame: 49:09-High jump: 1, J Solomayor (Cub): 2:33m: 2: 3: Hoen: (Nor): 2:30: 3, C Fustan: 2:30: Pole vault: 1, S Bubbla: (Mr.): 6:22m: 2:30: Pole vault: 1, S Bubbla: (Mr.): 6:22m: 2:30: P. J. Soloma: 3:11m: 2: R Barnes: 20:98: 3: C. J. Hunter: 20:73: Hammer: 1, I Astaphovorb: (Belo): 78:62m: 2. S Alay: (Belo): 75:30: 3: C Syntiletti: (II): 75:28: Women: 1:00m: 1, G Tomence: 10:85sec: 2. C Guidhy: 1:06: 3, D Young-Stone: 11:13: 400m: 1, M J Perce: (F):50:17: 2. C Freeman: (Aus): 50:39: 3, P Davis: (Behi: 50:50: 800m: 1; A Clairot: (Cub): 2min: 0:07sec: 2. J Clark: 20:21: 3, A Hill: 20:07:5: 1,500m: 1, J Hemner: 4:15:24: 2. M Mutola: (Moz): 4:16:59: 7; K Holmers: (GB): 4:18: 12: 100m hundles: 1, D Rose (Jam): 12:76sec: 2. D Bernamers: 54:51: 3, T Buford-Balley: 4:30: High jump: 1, J J Joyner-Kersee: 7:20m: 2. L Ninova (Aussina): 7:01: 3, I Kravets: (Ukr): 100m: 1, 100m:

PRAGUE: Marathon: Men: 1, W Musyoki (Ken; 3hr 12mm 21sec. 2, T Negere (Ein) 212:27. 3, C Kundiotas (Lith) 213:49 Women: 1, J Vinschaja (Belo) 2:37:33; 2, M Birbach (Pol) 2:38.00. 3, J Plastmina (Uiu) 2:38:16

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BEDFORD: Bedfordshire international games: Merr: 100m: 1, M Rosswess (Birchfield) 10.55sec; 2, T Williams (Snaliesbury Barnet) 10.58, 3, D Capabianco (Aus) 10.59.200m: D Walker (Candif) 20.78 (Ohymolc qualifying standard), 2, J Baulch (Candif) 20.97, 3, P Green (Aus) 20.97, 400m: 1, J Descon (Morpeth) 47,80; 2, M Douglas (Milton Kaynes) 48.38; 3, S Caravela (Woodford Green) 48.33; 10m hurdles: 1, P Gray (Cardif) 13,82,2,G Mambo (France) 14.23, 3, F Duton (South Africa) 14.54, 400m hurdles: 1, P Gray (Cardif) 13,82,2,G Mambo (France) 14.23, 3, F Duton (South Africa) 14.54, 400m hurdles: 1, L Lynch (Haringey) 51.47; 2, N Lavy (Belgrave) 51,55; 3, G Telfer (Thames Valley) 52,18; High (ump: 1, M Mandy (Cannock and Stafford) 2.23m; 2, D Grant (Hamngey) 2.14; 3, T Peacock (SA) 2.11, Triple (ump: 1, T Fastmo (Hamngey) 15,47; 2, C Howard (Newham and Esset Beagles) 15,18; 3, E Clarke (Blackheath) 15,08m Shot: 1, S Hayward (Chy of Edinburgh) 17,31m; 2, S Whyle (Thames Valley) 65,8, 3, G Solift 17,02; Women: 100m: 1, P Thomas (Trafford) 11,62sec, 2, S Douglas (Sale) 11,67; 3, E Emmanuel 17, 70,20hm; 1, C Murphy (Shaffesbury Barnet) 29,74; 2, E Fernalde (Esset Ladies) 24,00,3, A Dawles (Wolong) 24,25; 400m; 1, S Gumel (Esset Ladies) 52,95; 2, K Thurston (Warrington) 62,90; High Jump: Equal 1, D Mart (Bromter) Ladies) and 1, Haggett (Croydon) 1,85m, 3, M Dunkley (Keltering Town) 1,85, Pole visult; 1, K Staples (Esset Ladies) 3,90m; 2, J Wirdlock (Rotherham) 3,00; 3, C Schremmi (Epsem and Everli) 3,40, Triple Jump: 1, M Griffin (Windows (South and Euro) 13,35m; 2, R Kirby (Blackheath) 12,88, 3, C Mose (Briston) 50,22, 3, 1 Duffin (Shaftesbury South) 1,28,3, 5, C Mose (Briston) 50,22,3, 1 Duffin (Shaftesbury South)

Barnet) 48 62 Javelint 1, T Sanderson (Houristow) 60 64m (Olympic qualifying standard and world women's veletran record): 2, S Hotroyd (Sale) 57 60 3, L Jackson (Edinburgh Wootlen Mill) 50 30 SETANBUL: European champion clubs men's Cup: British (Beigrave Hamers) positions: 100m: 4. J Fergus 10,84sec 400m: 1. D Ladep 45 67 1,800m: 3. M Yates 3min 49 63sec 3,000m: 6. D Mead 8 26 40 400m hundless: 2. Radgeon 50 07sec 4 x 100m relay: 4 Beigrave High jump: 7. R Aspden 2. 10m Triple jump: 8 0 Brown 14 83m 5hot 5. L Newman 17.55m. Hammer: 5, D Smith 68 18m Team positions (at end of lirst day): 1 Larios (Sp. horders) 73pts, 2 Italy 57, 3 France 51: 4 Beigrave (GE) 45 5 1. OLGBOROUGH: Louribroweath Students

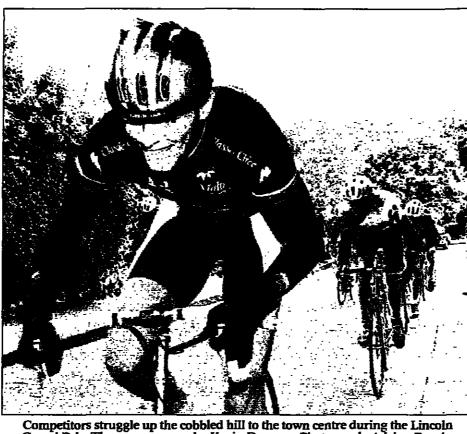
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LOUGBOROUGH: Loughborough Students v England v Great Britain Students v Great Britain Loughborough Students v Great Britain Loughborough Students; 100mt 1, J Gardner (Eng) 10.41sec: 2. P White itoughborough Students; 104: 3. D Octambers (GB Junors) 10.55 400m A: 1, A Franca (Loughborough Students) 47:18 3, R Knowles (GB Students) 47:38 B: 1, J Deacon (Eng) 47:39 800m; 1, A Duke (Loughborough Students) 17mn 51.38sec; 2. J Lobo (Eng) 51:154 3, A Hart (Eng) 15:171, 3,000m steeplechase: 1, R Hough (Eng) 8:32:1 2, M Hawkins (Eng) 9:01:78, 3, K Nash (GB Junors) 9:04:58 400m hurdles A: 1, P Compton (Eng) 51:66sec; 2. P Hames (Loughborough Students) 52:71; 3, E Betts (Thames Valley Hamers) 53:15, B: P Hebbert (Eng) 53:14 Long (Jump: 1, N Morgan (GB Junors) 7:39m; 2, J Knon (Ire) 7:29, 3, S Philips (Eng) 7:23, Shot; 1, D Callaway (Eng) 16:77: 2, G; Solid (GB Students) 16:57; 3, F Hydle (GB Students) Students 16 57: 3. F Hyde (GB Students) 16 35 Hammer: 1, M Jones (Eng. 68 20: 2. J Pearson (Loughborough Students) 64 26: 3. S Peacock (Eng. 64 48. Women: 100m: 1. S. Jacobs (Eng.) 11.519ec; 2. S. Anderson (GB Students) 11 77: 3. V

100m: 1. S Jacobs (Eng.) 11.51sec; 2. S Anderson (GB Students) 11.77; 3. V Stripmen (Loughborough Students) 11.87; 400m A: 1, L. Owusu (GB Jumors) 54.53; 2, S Turnsiey (Eng.) 54.87; 3. S Llewellyn (Northern Ireland) 55.87; B: D Fraser (Eng.) 54.51 800m: 1, H Parry (Loughborough Students) 204; 26. S Bowlyer (Loughborough Students) 204; 26. S Bowlyer (Loughborough Students) 204; 26. S Bowlyer (Loughborough Students) 204; 26. M Fallerly (Eng.) 208,46 100m hurdlest; 1, L Fats (Hallamstine) 14.24sec; 2, K Forsythe (North Shields Poly) 14.46; 3, R King (Cardiff) 14.46 400m hurdles A: 1, L Fraser (Eng.) 57.99; 2, L Brunning (Loughborough Students) 59.47; 8; G Retchakan (Eng.) 58.34 High jump; 1, M Dunkley (GB Junions) 1 84m; 2, J Bennett (Eng.) 1.84; 3, S Jones (GB Junions) 175, Pole vault; 1, K Staptes (Eng.) 370m; 2, L Startfon (Eng.) 360, 3, J Whitlock (guest) 3,80 Discust; 1, O Callaway (Eng.) 35 56m; 2, T Axten (Eng.) 56.88; 3, S Drew (GB Students) 53.02.

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OXFORD: Oxdord University v Cambridge University (winners): Men: 100m: A Lusigartan (Ox) 11 0sec. 200m: Lusigartan (25.40m): C. McCaw (0) 502.800m: McCaw Imin 54 8sec. 1,500m: J Traprove (C) 35.7 5,000m: D Legyste (C) 15.25c.

3,000m steeplechase: D Naylor (C) 922.4. 110m hundles: S Rosato (0) 15.2sec. 200m hundles: S Rosato (0) 15.2sec. 200m hundles: Rosato 25.6.400m hundles: J Parlers (0) 56.8 4 x 100m relay: Cadord 3min 20 0sec. High jump: P Fabler (0) 185m. Pote vault: Faber 3.60m Long jump: 6 Davies (0) 7.2m. Tripte jump: J Hilton (C) 14.29. Shot: Faber 138.8m Discuss: Faber 39.18m Hammer: H Shihook (0) 41 76m. Javelin: J Hunton (1) 62 32m. Shin wells: N Ashtoy (0) 14.25.6 Metch result: 1, Oxford 134pts; 2 Cambridge 90. Women: 100m: A Amatou (0) 12 Sec. 200m: Annalu (2) 64 400m: E Casson (C) 58.5. 800m: R Spes (0) 2mah 14 3sec. 1,500m: Spies 4:38.7 3,000m: S Cooke (0) 10/12.6. 100m hundles: C May (0) 68.8 High jump: J Fatiliner (C) 155m. Long jump: May 5.16m. Tripte jump: Fatiliner 19.98m Shot: S Whoddess (C) 10.08m Discus: Winckless 46.22m. Hammer: R Stot! (C) 38.18m. Javelin: J Curgenen (C) 35.5m. Long jump: May 5.16m. Tripte jump: Fatiliner 19.98m Shot: S Whoddess (C) 10.08m Discus: Winckless 46.22m. Hammer: R Stot! (C) 38.18m. Javelin: J Curgenen (C) 35.5m. A x 100m relay: Oxford 579 4 x 400m relay: Oxford 4min 3.8sac. Masch result: 1, Oxford 97.2, Cambridge 82



Grand Prix. The race was won by Kevin Dawson. Photograph: Adrian Brooks

CLUB CRICKET

DRAKES HUDDERSPIELD LEAGUE: Broad Oak 195-2 Holmfith 189-8; Elland 207-5 Shepley 208-5; Hall Bower 235-5 Maraden 232-8; Lascelles Hall 159-9 Sastiwaste 163-2 Metham 224-5 Scholes 237-3; Sesimanthope 192-5 Kirkbauton 218 6, Thongstandge 219-5 Kirkbauton 218

BIRMINGHAM LEAGUE: Bamt Green 256-7 Kidderminster 259-5; Old Hill 255-9 Moseley 251-8: Smethwick 219-9 West Bromwich Dartmouth 220-2, Stoutbridge 207-8 Aston Unity 211-3; Walsall 235-5 Coverthy and North Warendsher 165-8, Wolverhampton 278-9 Stratford 154-2 CENTRAL LEAGUE: Bedworth 255-5 Lichteid 192-7: Burton 143ao Lutterworth 144-1: Hinckley 255-8 Kentilworth Wardens 134-6, Loughborough 236-3 Nuneaton 105ao: Martkel Harborough 249-2 Leicester lyanhoe 250-7

FURROWS SHROPSHIRE LEAGUE: Bridgraph 138-5 WEM 134; Ludiow 104 St Georges 110-0; Strewsbury 110-8 Webing-ton 179; Whitchurch 189 Wroteter 91

MIDLAND COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Addridge 194 Hampton 188-8: Four Cais: Samts 103 Drothwich 104-2: Highway 179-10 Stroetly 84: Petsal 223-7 Warmay 148-8; Redditch 124 O Edward-ars 128-4; Worcester NT 168-9 Kenilworth 155-9 WILLOWSTICKS THREE COUNTIES: Durnbleton 177 Bredon 146: Frocester 166 Persitore 168-5, Crepstow 201-3 Wingel 200-9: Clevedon 124-6 Maipes 123, Colveili 196-6 Brocknampton 170-5, Harberty 264-3 3 Hereland 265-4: Kington 160-6 Tewkes-bury 158-9: Lydney 208-9 Cirencester 209-4; Panleg 253-8 Usk 174-8. VAUX RIBBILESDALE LEAGUE: Cherry Tree 232-1 Settle 170-9 Earthy 67-4 Whalley 63: Edenfield 140 Citheroe 308-5; Osw.thmanuel 174-7 Basenden 113:

Padiham 171-9 Great Harwood 173-4; Blackburn N 133-9 Read 132; Barnoldswick 151-7 Ribblesdale W. 95. 151-7 Ribblesdale W. 95.
DERBYSHIRE BUILDING SOCIETY
LEAGUE: Spondon 133-8 A and B 134-6;
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82; West Hallam 89 Siainsby Hali 94-1;
Whitsworth 25-8 likeston 259-3
BRYAN HERTFORDSHRE: Langleybury
170 Hitchin 171-0; Mymms 319-7 Luton
10wn 204-9; West Hents 197-6 Hertford
196-6, Berkhamstead 151-9 Sawbridgeworth 152-5; Sawenage 159
Cheshurt 65-6. Abandoned: Radlett v
Latchworth: Barnet v Hoddesdon, Hennel
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Recs. 132-9. Oxfon. 184-5. Hightswin. 88, leigh. 180-3. Huyton. 176-9. Formby 139. New Brighton. 143-2: Neston. 196-8. Newton.
LowBrows. 197-1. Northerm. 224-2. Macrahatol. 162: Northop. Hell. 178. Omrskult. 182-2. Wigen. 152. St. Helens. 103-7. Wallesey. 96. Selfon. 101-3: Chester Boughton. Hell. 167-6. dec. Southport and Britidale. 161-9. NORTH WALES LEAGUE: Bangor 157-7 Hallon 158-4; Portblyddyn 232-6 Bethesda 90, Uandudno 144-9 Bersham 145-2: Brymbo 246-3 Llay 82, Mochdre 175-8 Connahs Quay 176-7

WOOLWICH KENT LEASUE: Achtord 176-9 Folkestone 124-8 Blacknessth 246-3 Dover 113, Grawsterd 242-9 Goro Court 177-8; Daritord 202-8 Holmesdale 203-8; Severobies Vinc 119-9 Beckenham 119-3 Abandonatc Chestheld v The Mote; Law-rence v Besley, Tunbridge Wells v Hayes NUCLEAR ELECTRIC SOUTH LAKELAND LEAGUE: Westgale 153-9 Shiroshead 63-8; Windermere 142-8 Sedgwick 143-3;

Geigate 116 Holme 89; Burnesde 168 Ingleton 125-9; Warron 98 Bolton Le Sands 101-2; Tranpell 135-9 Amside 137-6. THOMAS ARMSTRONG LTD CUMBRIA LEAGUE: Wigton 190-9 British Seel 117; Penrith 75 Cooksembuth 79-1; Egremont 186-8 Appleby 147-8, Kesenck 220-6 Temple Sowerby 94: Scotty 149-8 Cleator 119-8; Edenhall 210-6 Workington 189-8 A P S TWO COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Abberton 185-7 Ctacton 188-4; Braintne 228-4 Maldon 213, Bury St Edmunds 258-3 Wyenhoe 199; Halstead 158 Achilles 160-1; Sudbury 223-1 Witham 155-8.

LEES BRIEWERTY LEAGUE: Cheedham Hail 136 Thomhram 137-8, Denton 166-9 Sale Moor 83: Denton St Law 190-8 Glossop 87: Woodbank 175 Irlam 141; Longsight 212-7 Woodhouses 209-7; Dukinfield 178-8 Prest-wich 97; Roe Green 203-8 Denton West 204-2 MIDDLESEX COUNTY LEAGUE: Brondesbury 173 Winchmone Hill 175-2. Homsey 214-6 Southgale 89. Sift Hamp-stead 110 Brentham 113-4 Abandoned: Ealing v Richmond; Slammone v Finchley; Teddington v Wembley Utbridge v Nih Middlesex.

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BRYAN HERTIFORDSHIRE LEAGUE:
North Enfield 134 Hatheld 133,
Rickmansworth 152-7 Baylord and Heritord
60. Hoftwhiles 147-9 Northampton Exises
148-5. Baldock 158 Preston 160-5:
Tottendge 133-8 Bushey 135-4. Datchworth
226-5. Eggington 174 Abandoned:
Northwood Yown v Redbourn, Old Albandans of Old Owons; Old Habandashers v
Parkheld NORWICH UNION NORFOLK ALLIANCE: Downham 125-7 Horsford 126-5 Aban-doned: Vauchall Mallards v Cromer, Ingnam v North Barleycoms; Swardeston v O Buckenham

Whitehaven: Tries: Anderson, Kerry, Kid-de Goals: Sean Casey 3 Dropped goal Kerr, Hull: Tries: Craven, Marving, Vaixona Goals: Fizgerald 2 Hewer 3 Att. 1,006 36 Dewsbury

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AUSTRALIAN PRÉMIERSHIP: Western Suburbs 16 Pennith 6: Cromulia 18 Gold Coast 10: Illawarra 18 St George 12; South Sydney 32 Sydney Tigers 4. Hull K R: Tries: D'Arcy 2, G Brown 4, Gene 2. Goals: M Fletcher 5, Barrow: Tries: Arkinson, Luxon Goal; Alkinson Alt. 1,564 Sydney City Brisbane North Sydney Marily Newcastle Cronulla 42 Doncaster 18

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MACCLESPELD (2) 3 NORTHWICH (0) 1 Payne 19 Williams 53 Burgess 28 (og) 8,672 Payne 19 Burgess 28 (og) Hemmings 81

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COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Netherne 1 Peppard 1;
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TOMORROW CRICKET TOUR MATCH (one day): Luton; North-amptonshire v Indians. OTHER SPORT

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(Crarglockharl Sports Centre, Edinburgh)

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Sooke v Beile Vise (at Stoke, 7.45). Scottch
Monarch's v Bradford (at Glasgow, 7.30).
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THURSDAY CRICKET TEXACO TROPHY ONE-DAY INTER-NATIONAL: The Oval: England v India. BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMP-IONSHIP (first day of four): Derby: Derby:

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League Arena Essex v Sheiffield (8 0), Polastorough v isle of Wight TENNIS: World Women's Doubles Cup (Craglockhari Sports Centre, Edinburgh). SATURDAY CRICKET TEXACO TROPHY ONE-DAY INTER-NATIONAL: Headingley: England v India.

GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD

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STONES SUPER LEAGUE: Warmgton London (7 30). OTHER SPORT ATHLETICS: Welsh Games (Cardill). CYCLING: National track championships (Manchester).

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SPEEDWAY: Spoedway Star Cup Second round, second leg: Bradford v Scottich Monarchs (7.30), Covernry v Peterborough (7.20)

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ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: Playoffs: Final-Second division: Bradford v

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Heat is on for British competitors

Edwards discovers uncomfortable truth about Atlanta

FROM DAVID POWELL IN ATLANTA

THE locals here are fond of saying: "You have a good but Jonathan Edwards did not follow their instructions. He had a pig of a day. He won, but nothing else went Edwards's experience at the

grand prix meeting to mark the opening of the Centennial Olympic Stadium on Saturday should concern every po-tential member of the Great Britain team for the Games in July. On a day when the temperature on the track reached 112F, Edwards, the triple jump world champion and world-record holder, could only manage three of his permitted six jumps, the heat inducing severe cramps. It was his first competition

of the year, but he has enjoyed a luxury rare among prospective British Olympians: thorough acclimatisation. He came here after 11 weeks in Florida, sometimes in ternperatures in the low 90s, but left saying he would be seeking expert advice on how to keep hydrated. "Maybe 1 did not drink

enough," he said. "I was burning up a lot of nervous energy and it took a lot of

TESSA SANDERSON is sa-

vouring the prospect of a

record-equalling sixth Olympic Games. Sanderson, 40, improved on the javelin quali-

fying standard for Atlanta of

60 metres three times in the

International Games at Bed-

ford on Saturday and now

believes that she is capable of

winning an Olympic medal,

12 years after striking gold in

fright out of the way,"

with a throw of 60.64 metres

in bitterly cold conditions.

"I've been out of athletics for

such a long time and my mind

was going through it.
"What pleased me most was

that I was able to throw

consistently, despite the con-

ditions. I can now work

towards getting through the

qualifying in Atlanta. And

once I reach the final, I should

perform. I'll be looking at a

medal. I don't know which

one, but come July I hope to

Sanderson, tempted out of

be throwing 68 or 69 metres.

retirement by the challenge of

raising El million for the

Children in Hospital charity.

should have no problem at the

Great Britain trials next

month because she threw

further than any Briton man-

"There are still things to be ironed out." she said. "I need

control of speed down the

runway and to get that snap at

the end. But the technique is starting to come back. You

never lose the art of throwing

a javelin when you've been at the highest level."

Sanderson has earned a

return to the Britain team for

aged last year.

This was a tester, to get the

Los Angeles.

more than I had anticipated." He was by no means the first to suffer. During the opening ceremony, ten overheated musicians from a marching band had to leave the field in distress.

Edwards's troubles had begun on the bus to the stadium. There was no air conditioning, the journey took 30 minutes. and he had to stand: hardly the best preparation for two hours in the mid-afternoon sun, particulalry as officials had failed to provide umbrellas to shelter the athletes.



Sanderson targets

Olympic medal

"In the second round, pushed off to start my run and then it eased off," he said, "In the third round both my calves were cramping the whole way down the run-up."
After failing to improve on

his second-round jump of 17.59 metres, which was wind-assisted, he watched anxiously to see whether anybody would go further. Nobody did and Edwards, after winning all 14 of his competitions last season, was on the victory trail

'I did not enjoy it." he said. Technically, I was very, very poor. The first two [take-offs] were well off the board. I saw my 17.59 on the screen [in the stadium) and it was pretty horrible. All the things I have tried to work on were not there. My double-arm action was nowhere to be seen."

Edwards had approached the meeting anxious to know whether the brilliance he achieved in 1995, and which he could not explain, might disappear as inexplicably as it presented itself. Though he was not close to his world record of 18.29 metres, he exceeded six of his winning jumps from last year.

That was no consolation This was my first competition, and I am pleased it is out of the way, but it poses as many questions as it answers," he said.

If Edwards was downcast. Carl Lewis was beaming. Lewis, the winner of eight Olympic gold medals, indicated he should avoid the ignominy of 1992, when he failed to qualify for the United States Olympic team in the 100 metres. His 9.94sec for second place behind Dennis Mitchell was his best race since he set a world record in the final of the 1991 championships in

Lewis, 34, said: "I feel like my old self again." He would

2.1 metres-per-second reading only narrowly exceeded the legal limit of 20. With Gwen Torrence running a legal 10.85sec to win the women's 100 metres and Michael Johnson taking the 200 metres in a legal 19.83sec, the buzz began that the Olympics could become a world-record feast. "It is a great track, just soft

Johnson said. Allen Johnson, the 110 metres hurdles world champion. suggested that it was "proba-bly the fastest track in the world," and the middle-distance runners shared the enthusiasm of the sprinters. "It is incredibly fast," Steve Holman, who gave Noureddine Morceli a close race in the mile, said.

little weather protection: record times and jumps could be ruled illegal because of strong wind readings.

Feminine finesse was abandoned in favour of an uncomplicated blow in this game in front of the school. Photograph: Graham Morris

Where willow-patterns still cast a spell

Ivo Tennant finds that cricket remains popular at Roedean

ROEDEAN is probably the most famous school for girls in the world. A Victorian fortress, cement-rendered not against pesky intruders but sea frets, it stands imperiously on a Sussex clifftop that affords a sweeping view of a markedly well-rolled ground and the English Channel beyond. Cricket, to the evident delight of many of the girls, remains an integral part of the curriculum.

The school was founded on the principle that its girls should have the same opportunities as their brothers and, although this may not be the case in the garden at home they are still given all too few opportunities to bat - the philosophy prevails today.

Cricket, among numerous other sports, has always been played at Roedean and this summer the first XI have been beaten only once and managed to hold a Lord's and Commons XI to a draw. The crucial match will come at the end of the term when the fathers will be seeking to avenge a defeat last year. It could not be prevented even by John Barday, a former

despite the distractions afforded by A-level examinations captain of Sussex and the England assistant manager

in the winter. So keen on the game is the school's captain, Alison Waldron, that she admits she has probably devoted too much time to it at the expense of her studies.

Her place at Oxford is conditional on her getting two As and one B in her A-level grades, which was why she scurried off to revision after a brief practice session last Friday. "Women's cricket does not receive enough publicity, considering England are the world champions," she said.

But do not imagine that the admissions tutors are unsympathetic. "I spent my entire interview at Oxford talking about cricket," Alice Greenwell, the Roedean vicecaptain, said.

How good is the standard at Roedean? "It is high, relative to other schools, Andrew England, the head of

of the year, into a gruelling but

thrilling test of stamina for

chemistry and master in charge of cricket, said. "When compared to the county side, not so good. This is a school which perhaps does not reach excellence in any one sport, but each house has its own cricket team, which means 44 girls play the game. More are becoming interested since the Sussex Women's Cricket Association installed a bowling machine in our grounds at

the beginning of term.

"Some people think this is a school for children of rich

parents but we have been accepted onto the Assisted Places Scheme and hope some local girls who are good at sport will be coming here. They can only strengthen what, in three years' time, will be a very strong first X1.

Some of the staff think the girls should be playing tennis instead of cricket, even though it is not an obligatory sport, and we no longer play pub sides following one or two incidents after play," said who, having Marshall, grown up in Blackpool, wanted to teach at a school close to the sea and hence was not too concerned whether it was one for girls or boys.

Ann Longley, the headmistress, is taking to the game, if not the hardness of the ball after the staff match.

Increasing academic pressures mean that most matches are played in the early evening, lasting for 20 or 25 overs a side. There are 14 fixtures in addition to house matches, including two against boys' prep schools. The essential difference is that girls, having smaller hands, use a 5oz ball and tend not to have as much equipment as the boys.

Some girls play in trousers but the majority in skirts. Helmets are worn only at county level.

Playing against boys tends to make the girls at Roedean more competitive. The wicketkeeper. Annabel Fletcher. went on a coaching course over Easter and upset some of her friends with her remarks when she returned to school "But the boys taught me this," she protested.

Georgina Barclay, who is also a talented tennis player she played in the Sussex under-18 county cup in February - has had the benefit of meeting the likes of Mike Atherion through her father. "My bowling did benefit from a few tips," she said.

It is half a century since an England cricketer was schooled at Roedean, but their traditions and enthusiasm are such that nurturing another is not a pipedream.

have won had he not turned his head to look across at the finish, but he still beat Donovan Bailey, the world champion. Mitchell recorded 9.93sec and, although the times were recorded as wind-assisted, the

52.96sec. Gunnell. fully recovered from the heel injury that ruled her out last season, said: 'It's good to get the first one under my belt. I'm always nervous. But in the conditions Gunnell, who defends the

400 metres hurdles title in Atlanta. will have her first race over the barriers for 20 months in Germany on Saturday.

hurdles British rankings when finishing runner-up to the world championship silver medal-winner, Samuel Matete, at the European men's champion clubs cup, in Istanbul on Saturday Ridgeon, representing Belgrave Harriers, finished two metres behind the Zambian in a time of 50.07sec. He is favourite to secure the 400 metres berth in the Britain team for the European Cup in



Gunnell, who was satisfied with her first race of the season, a 400 metres victory in the time wasn't bad."

☐ Jon Ridgeon moved to the

top of this season's 400 metres

enough, just hard enough."

The worrying aspect is that one end of the stadium offers

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England blame absentees

By RICHARD EATON CIRO CINIGLIO, the manag-

er of the England badminton team, has criticised the deliberate absence of three of his leading players from the side beaten 4-1 by Denmark in their world team finals match in Hong Kong on Saturday. Julie Bradbury, Joanne Wright and Simon Archer remained at home to prepare for the Olympic Games in nine weeks. Ciniglio believes England might otherwise have won, putting them in contention for a Uber Cup medal. Nonetheless, the weakened side won the second singles, thanks to a fine 9-12. 11-5, 11-4 victory for Alison Humby over the world No 24. Anne Sondergaard. The top doubles also went the full distance, thanks to the efforts of Gillian Gowers and Joanne

Muggeridge. "It's a shame - with our best players we might have won both doubles and could then have had a chance of a medal," Ciníglio said. He was supported by Morten Frost, his Danish opposite number and a four-time All-England champion.

"We also have one or two who didn't want to come. If they hadn't they would not be going to the Olympics." Frost said. "Some players seem to forget how much money national associations have spent on getting them to places where they win prize-money. It used to be give and take now it's take and take."

The England women have lost one and won one and their fate will be decided by the match against Korea today. The England men, meanwhile, lost 5-0 to China yesterday and have two defeats in the Thomas Cup.

to convincing win By EDWARD GORMAN, SAILING CORRESPONDENT GOING to windward at night in the teeth of a 30-knot northeasterly gale turned the Myth of Malham race, the Royal Ocean Racing Club's (RORC) second offshore event

Gales sweep Hawk

crews and equipment. Twenty of the 30 starters who set off from Cowes on Friday night failed to complete the 137-mile course to Brighton marina. Most of them found the going too much after the fleet rounded EC2 buoy and faced up to a 60-mile leg into winds that never dropped below 25 knots.

The race, which had begun with a reassuringly tame forecast predicting a northeasterly force 4, thus became, in the words of one race official, "a bitterly cold, wet and unpleasant" affair. Some yachts retired with gear failure, others because skippers with no chance of being among the spoils decided enough was

enough. Alan Green, the director of racing at RORC, said: "It was tough and cold, but it wasn't a very long race. It is good to have a sharp blast every now and then to remind people that when they go offshore it can be like this."

After its strong performance in the Cervantes Trophy race earlier this month. Nigel Bramwell's

Bashford/Howison 41, Hawk, driven by David Bedford, took the Myth of Malham Cup for first overall on Channel Handicap. Hawk was also first under IMS. The winner of Channel Class 2 was the French yacht, CNC Lebrun, with Tom and Vicky Jackson and the redoubtable Sunstone first in Class 3.

The race, which saw speeds

of up to 20 knots from the leading yachts on the way to EC2 from the eastern Solent. was the first organised by RORC to admit multihulls. Four of the five listed, including two French-owned boats, turned up and one - Hasty Lady - made it to Brighton.

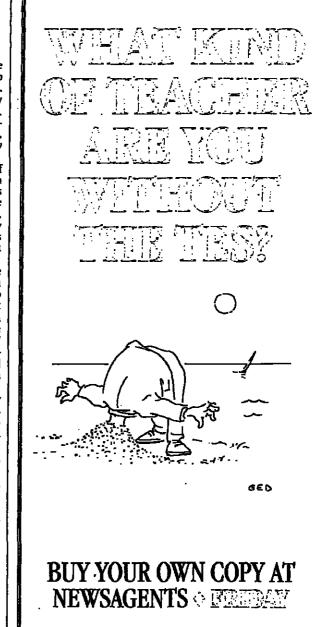
Meanwhile, in the final of the Brut Royal Lymington Cup on Saturday, the UK's only Grade I-listed match race regatta, the New Zealander. Russell Coutts, swept away the challenge of Britain's Chris Law with three straight wins to take the title in style. In the recent history of the

event, which this year saw a particularly strong field, no through the entire competition without a single defeat. Coutts and his Team New Zealand crew of Simon Daubney, Warwick Fleury and Brad Butterworth, managed this

with 16 straight victories. Coutts, who defeated Law convincingly — even complet-ing a penalty in the third race as he crossed the finish line must now be considered a strong contender to claim the \$250,000 prize for the first skipper to win any three of the five match race events in the Brut series. His next chance will come at the Brut Cup of San Francisco later this

month. "We want the money - why else do you think we're sailing in six degrees and driving rain?" Coutts said. The American, Ed Baird. the present world match-rac-

ing champion, took third place with a 2-0 win in the semi-final sail-off against Peter Holmberg, of the US Virgin Islands. The Frenchman, Thierry Peponnet, was fifth with Markus Wieser, of Germany, sixth.



THE TIMES EDUCATIONAL SUPPLEMENT

the European Cup in Madrid on June 1, alongside Sally Bridge Challenge deadline extended until end of July

ENTRIES for The Times Midland Private Banking National Bridge Challenge, the largest bridge tournament staged in the United King dom, continue to flood in, but there is still time for heats to be organised, with the deadline having been extended to

July 30.

The compention has caught the imagination of the nation's bridge players, both social and serious, with heats being staged across the land. One of the highest profile heats, at The Lords and Commons, will now take place on Friday, July 5, and will be overseen by the organiser of The Challenge, David Price, the former British captain.

More than 2,000 pairs have already entered in search of a share of the £21,000 prize fund in the four categories - one expert and three non-expert but there are now even more incentives to join in.

In response to requests from many heat organisers, the rules of The Challenge have been amended so that they can participate in their own heats.



Robert Sheehan

In addition, they may now enter free of charge (usual fee E6) in recognition of the hard work involved.

Also, two heat organisers, to be drawn at random, will each win travel, meals and accomodation for two to spend three days watching the 1997 Macallan International Pairs Championship in January of next year. There will be 12 runners-up prizes of bottles of The Macallan single malt

As an added incentive, every competitor in the event will

cheque book ", entitling them to discounts on the cost of Jarvis's facilities, including a ten per cent reduction on the normal cost of attending any one of their series of bridge weekends. Three pairs who have qualified for the area finals of The Challenge will receive two nights' dinner, bed and break-

fast for two at any Jarvis Hotel. For the benefit of those who wish to participate in The

Challenge, but whose usual club is not holding a heat, the organisers have created two special heats to be held at the Jarvis Embassy Hotel in London on Sunday, June 9, and at the Jarvis Piccadilly Hotel in Manchester on Sunday, June 2.

Any pair may compete in

these heats, subject to booking through The Challenge office by telephone on 0181 942 9506, fax on 0181 942 9569, or by writing to The Times Midland Private Banking National Bridge Challenge, Chicago Bridge Promotions, Britannic Way, New Malden, Surrey.

Rugby's elite give peace a chance

Barbarians.....70

By DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

IF THE game at Lansdowne Road on Saturday was. as Terry Neill put it, "another small step on the road to peace" then the scoreline is irrelevant. The purpose was to use rugby as a vehicle - as it has been so often in Ireland for co-operation and to advance the peace process. In that respect it was a remarkable day, even if the Ireland XV may have ended it less than completely at peace with

Proceeds from the game will go to the cross-border organisations, the Ireland Funds and Co-operation North, of which Neill is the chairman. More than that, though, was the moving reception given by 35,000 to the three children whose lives have been touched by bombing outrages but who were presented to the two teams as symbols of hope for

the future. Sportsmen frequently fail to come across as sentimentalists but Dean Richards, that great hulk of English policeman, spoke for all when he acknowledged that "everyone realised what the occasion was all about. When the children came out it brought home exactly what the occasion was and I hope it will do some good. I'm very proud to have been asked."

Rugby's politicians may be finding new and perverse ways of falling out with each other but those who play the game continue to do it credit. to François Pienaar and David

jured, travelled from South Africa and Australia respectively as tribute to the occasion, but no Barbarian was more popular than Richards as the players took a lap of honour and displayed the match trophy, a dove of peace sculpted from gun shells.

The way rugby is structured in Ireland, we are able to put aside differences and play as a team." Niall Hogan, the Ireland captain, said. "This has meant an awful lot to us and we are happy to have taken part." From a blinkered sporting point of view, the sad aspect for Hogan's team was that the Barbarians had scored four tries before the Irish woke up and injected some urgency into their play.

It also brought home the gap between Ireland's domestic standards and those elsewhere: Johan Roux and Steven Bachop are not first choices in South Africa or New Zealand but their admirable play at half back allowed the Barbarians to give full rein to their attacking potential. The length of Bachop's passing, in particular, opened up the field and exposed the Ireland tack-

ling as frail in the extreme. Nor was the loss of their captain, Philip de Glanville, any relief to Ireland since it brought on one of the most improved of the England youngsters, Will Greenwood. However, the painful blow de Glanville suffered on his kneecap may prevent him from playing for Bath in the match with Wigan at Twickenham on Saturday which, given Jeremy Guscott's aversion to the match, will leave them

short in midfield. The Barbarians led 35-14 at the interval and doubled their



Johns, of Ireland, hands off Ojomoh, the Barbarians flank forward, in Dublin

tally, aided by Jonathan Callard's remorselessly accurate kicking. Ireland, lured far too early into a fast-and-loose game that they were not best equipped to play, at least had the consolation of encouraging performances from James Topping and Paul Flavin and the pleasure of sharing the field with rugby legends. SCORERS: Ireland XV: Tries: Costelo (2), Henderson, Wallace, Burke, Topping. Conversions: Mason (4) Barbarians: Tries:

Underwood (2), Redman, Roux, de Gianville, Selfa, Rish, Coolenil, Greenwood, Janva. Conversions: Callard (10).

RELAND XV: S Mason (Orrel), R Wallace (Garryowen), R Henderson (London Insh), J Bell (Northampton), J Topping (Ballymena); D Humphreys (London Insh), N Hogen (Terenure College, coptain), H Hurtey (Old Wesley), A Clarke (Northampton), A McKleen (Lansdowne), E Hatvey (Saracas), G Futcher (Cork Constitution), J Davidson (Dungannon), D McBidde (Malone), V Costallo (St Mary's College), Halvey replaced by P Johns (Dungannon, 3mn), Bell replaced by M Fleid (Malone, 39), Hurley replaced by P Resvin (Baccinock College, 39), Hurnstreys replaced by C Saverimutto Sale. 47), Henderson replaced by Hogan (67).

BARBARIANS: J Calland (Bath and England), E Rush (North Harbour and Naw Zealand), P Sellia (Appn and France), P de Glanville (Bath and England, captain), R Underwood (Lecester and England); S Bachop (Otago and New Zealand), J Roux (Transvasi and South Ainca); G Rowmtree (Lecester). D Garlorth (Lecester). S Comonh (Bath and England). N Redman (Bath and England). O Brouzet (Genctule and France). L Cabrumes (Raong and France), D Richards (Lecester and England). D Garwille replaced by W Greenwood (Harlequins, S.S), Richards replaced by M Brewer (Blackrock College and New Zealand, 49), Rush replaced by L Jarvis (Porn)pondd, 571.

WINDSOR

6.15 Bagshot. 6.45 Golden Fact. 7.15 Wildwood Rower. 7.45 Ret Frem. 8.15 Cherry Blossom. 8.45 Classy Chief.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 7.15 WILDWOOD FLOWER.

Going: Good

DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

5.15 PORTLAND OUTDOOR ADVERTISING

CLAIMING STAKES (52,801: 1m 67yd) (20 runners) (5) 200- ATH CHEANNAITHE 12J (B.F) J Neville 4-9-11 R Hughes (11) 9-00 CAS BOM SOM 14 (F.S) M Bel 4-9-11 - G Faulture (7) (15) 900- XERRIER 267 (D.G) R Harts 4-9-7 - A Mackey (3) 1645 MR NEVERWIND 28 (D.F.G) G L Moore 6-9-7

(1) 8000 LABUDO 14 (D.S) R Ingam 6-9-2 ... D Bags 8 (17) -000 KORODO 7 N Cassanghan-Brown 4-9-1 ... C Manday (7) 89 (9) O NORDOC FLASH 1981 (9) T Neughton 9-9-1 T Ashley (7) (13) 41-0 CAPE PROCEAUS (7) (CD.F.G.S.) L Camel 11-9-0 M Festian 90 (19) 1005 ROCKMLLE PROC. (7.0.F. G.S.) L Camel 11-9-0 M Festian 90 (19) 1005 ROCKMLLE PROC. (7.0.F. G.S.) L Camel 11-9-0 M Festian 90 (14) 5-4 JUBA 11 J Scargid 4-8-10 ... R Cochrane 80 (14) 5-4 JUBA 11 J Scargid 4-8-10 ... R Cochrane 80 (15) 000-0 TOCCO JEWEL 287 (D.S.) M Ryan 6-8-10 A McCarthy (7) 54 (18) 400-MSS GLECTER 251 H Coffregados 5-8-8. N Cariste 90 (18) 400-MSS GLECTER 251 H Coffregados 5-8-8. N Cariste 90 (18) 400-MSS GLECTER 251 H Coffregados 5-8-8. N Cariste 90 (18) 400-MSS GLECTER 18 J Alexburs 3-8-6. ... D Heartson 80 (19) 00-0 NEWLANDS CORRETT 18 J Alexburs 3-7-13. F Norton 80 (19) 2-90 NEWLANDS CORRETT 18 J Alexburs 3-7-13. F Norton 80 (19) 2-90 NEWLANDS CORRETT 18 J Alexburs 3-7-13. F Norton 80 (19) 2-90 NEWLANDS CORRETT 18 J Alexburs 3-7-13. F Norton 80 (19) 2-90 NEWLANDS CORRETT 18 J Alexburs 3-7-13. F Norton 80 (19) 2-90 NEWLANDS CORRETT 18 J Alexburs 3-7-13. F Norton 80 (19) 2-90 NEWLANDS CORRETT 18 J Alexburs 3-7-13. F Norton 80 (19) 2-90 NEWLANDS CORRETT 18 J Alexburs 3-7-13. F Norton 80 (19) 2-90 NEWLANDS CORRETT 18 J Alexburs 3-7-13. F Norton 80 (19) 2-90 (19)

3-1 Sagshot, 5-1 Northern Celarion, 7-1 Mr Nevermind, 10-1 Kernes, Early Peace. 12-1 Clan Sam Bom, Rockräfe Pile, 14-1 others.

6.45 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND OASIS HOLIDAY VILLAGE MAIDEN STAKES

(2-Y-0: £3,420: 5f 10yd) (7) 2-1 Golden Fact, 4-1 Samdert When, M T Vessel, 5-1 Castle Ashby Jack, 6-1 John Erons, 8-1 Lock Dibutale, 12-1 Mille's Double.

7.15 EVENING STANDARD HANDICAP

(1) 12-4 MUSIC GOLD 44 (B.D.F) W O'Gorman 9-7 (3) -941 WILDWOOD RLOWER 7 (C.P.) R Harmon B-11 (7ec)
Pat Eddary (5) 136- RUSHOUTTER BAY 268 (CD.S) T Clement 8-10 P Robinson 86

7.45 OK! WEEKLY STAR HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £3,636: 1m 31 135yd) (11)

:1 3-32 CLEMENTE 15 R Hamon 9-7.
14 1-00 DTAAN 25 (6) W Hoggs 9-6.
15 -004 HALF AN INCH 7 9 Meeton 9-1.
13 1210 ROUTA'S STAR 56 (6) D Murray Smith 8-12.
Day | Care O'Neil (3) | Care O'Nei 9-4 Clements, 5-1 Niegis Memory, 7-1 Hall An Inch. 8-1 Cherry Garden, Motes Stat. Poly My Son, 12-1 others

8.15 MARIE CLAIRE CONDITIONS STAKES

(2-Y-0 fiffies: £4,622: 5f 10yd) (4) Seria Chem. Flasson. 11-4 Fetra Darselle. 7-2 Seesi Emmaline. 6-1 Walt For Force.

8.45 ROYAL WINDSOR MAIDEN STAKES

(£3.968, 1x, 67yd) (19) CS 1:: DAM Breat II if Heap 4-3-8-12 M Humphries (5) 80
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C Munday (7) -

TRAINERS: Mrs. J Cecil. 4 winners from 11 namers, 36.4%, M Jarvis, 8 boro 25, 32.0%, R Amstrong, 3 from 14, 21 4%, R Hennon, 42 from 206, 20 2% M Ryan, 4 from 24, 16.7%; M Heston-Ellis, 10 from 65, 15 4%, JOCKEYS: Par Endery, 35 wirs from 162 roles, 21.6%; T Onion, 17 from 134, 12.7%; W Carson, 11 kom 91, 12.1%, T Sprake, 6 from 50, 12%; P Robinson, 5 from 43, 11.6% Only qualifiers

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER 2.00 Myland. 2.30 The Mine Captain. 3.00 Scarba. 3.30 Gone For Lunch. 4.00 Northern Trial. 4.30 Red Indian. 5.00 Suffolk Girl.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

2.00 HASTINGS NOVICES CHASE (£3,264: 3m 110yd) (9 runners)

2-1 Cracking Idea, 5-2 Myland, 7-2 Impertal Vinlage, 7-1 Soloman Springs, 8-1 Mobile Messenger, 10-1 Deport Miss, 20-1 others

2.30 TRAFALGAR HANDICAP CHASE (£4,021: 2m 41 110yd) (7 nunners)

5-4 The Mine Capitain, 4-1 Le Bucheron, 5-1 Mapile Dencer, 7-1 Suppose, 8-1 Victory Anthem, 10-1 Heathnew, 16-1 Patace Yard.

3.00 NASEBY HANDICAP HURDLE

3-1 Scarba, 5-1 Khazari, Heart Of Spain, 7-1 Gurmaker. Weather Ment, 8-1 Precipion Run, Healthyards Boy. 12-1 others.

3.30 DERRY BUILDING SERVICES NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (52,268: 2m) (7)

6 /30 HEMBETTA BOO BOO 179 R Wester 6-10-9... P Mct 7 PD24 SCAMALLACH 14 (B) J Jentins 6-10-9... 5-4 Scamaltach, 7-4 Gone For Lunch, 5-1 Pegasos Bay, 14-1 Henneta Boo Boo, 16-1 Cool Mandy, Matachon, 33-1 Brown And Mild

4.00 AGINCOURT HANDICAP HURDLE

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4.30 MARSTON MOOR SELLING HURDLE

5-2 Top Felta, 3-1 Hamadiyad, 4-1 Dancing At Laham, 6-1 Red Indian, 8-1 Hight Boot, 10-1 Coalistand, Ragazzo, 14-1 others.

5.00 LEVY BOARD INTERMEDIATE OPEN

NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,291: 2m) (14)

5-2 Satiolik Gni, 7-2 Gale Wargazze, 5-1 Gama Drive, 6-1 Cast of Thousands, 7-1 Madge McSplash, 14-1 Just A Madam, 16-1 others. **COURSE SPECIALISTS**

TRAINERS: Mrs M Reveley, 13 winners from 34 numers, 38.2%, B Llewellyn, 3 from 9, 33.3%; K Morgan, 3 from 9, 33.3%; S Sherwood, 6 from 20, 30.0%; J Edwards, 5 from 17, 29.4%; W Haigh, 4 from 16, 25 cm. JOCKEYS: Mr J I. Llewellyn, 3 whrners from 9 rooners, 33,3%, R Gardiy, 11 from 43, 25,6%, E Husband, 4 from 16, 25,0%, J A McCardby, 3 from 13, 231%, Goy Lewis, 4 from 20, 20,0%, P McCouglish, 3 from 16, 18,8%.

MUSSELBURGH

6.30 Bayford Thrust. 7.00 Lord Advocate, 7.30 Lord Of The Manor, 8.00 Absolute Ruler. 8.30 The Barnsley Belle. 9.00 DON PEPE (nap).

GOING: GOOD Draw: 5f, low numbers best

6.30 MAY MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-0: £2,517: 5f) (5 runners)

2 BAYFORD THRUST 14 J Beny 8-8 ... J Carroll :
TREASURE TOUCH (BF) A Harrison 8-7 ... D McKaown CASUAL COTTAGE C Muttay 8-5 ... K Darley :
RED ROMANCE 10 Darley Smith 8-3 ... K Fallon SHERATOM GRIL M Jahriston 8-3 ... I Williams : 4 Bayford Threat, 9-4 Red Romance. 3-1 Sheaton Girl. 8-1 Cascel Cottage, 12-1 resource Touch.

7.00 EAST LOTHIAN HANDICAP (£2,707: 1m 3f 32yd) (15)

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7.30 LEVENHALL MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-0: £2,517: 1m 3i 32yd) (4)

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1 3 LORD OF THE MANOR 7 M Jourson 9-0... J Wester 2
2 00-0 DICENTRA 22 & Werner 8-9... K Darley 2
3 5 LINDA'S JOY 7 (8) R Gued 8-9... L Charmock 4
4 440- SHE'S SMPLY GREAT 238 J J O'Nesi 8-9... J Forbrie 1 Events Lord Of The Manor, 13-8 Linda's Joy, 11-2 She's Simply Great, 20-1 December. 8.00 FISHERROW SELLING STAKES

2-1 Dance Of Joy, 5-1 Ette Racing, 7-1 Barth, Sunday Mail Too, 10-1 others.

8.30 MUSSELBURGH HONEST TOUR HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £2,612: 1m 16yd) (11)

9.00 MUSSELBURGH LINKS HANDICAP (£2,944: 7l 15yd) (13)

4-1 Persian Fayre, 5-1 Communder Glen, 6-1 Mmzz, 8-1 Hutchies Lady, Don Pepe, 10-1 Circl, Thatched, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

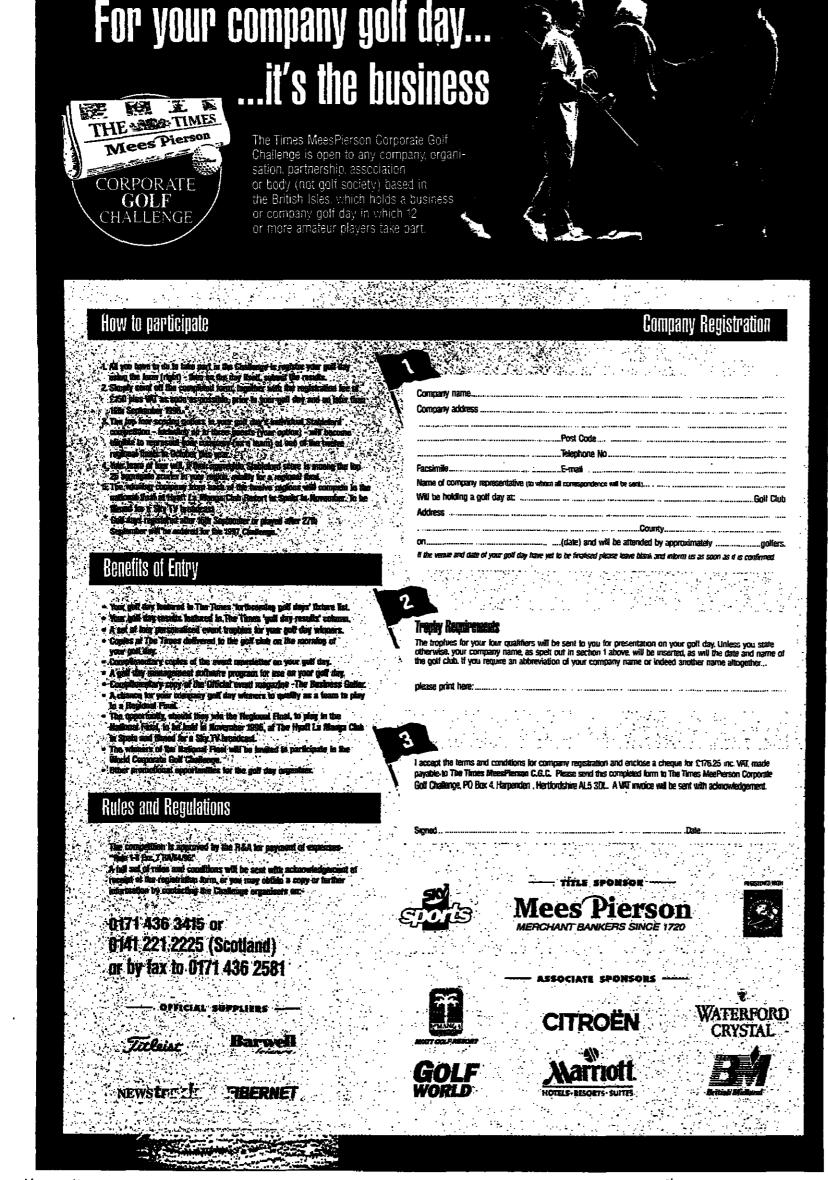
TRAINERS: R Bors. 3 warmers from 7 natures. 42.9% N Trainer, 6 from 22. 27.3%; W Elsey. 4 from 19. 21.1%, J Berry. 31 from 157, 19.7%; Mrs. J Ramadeo, 5 from 28. 17.9%, M Johnston, 16 from 103, 15.5%. JOCKEYS: J Weaver, 29 from 114, 25.4%; K Darley, 34 from 159, 21.4%, J Carron, 25 from 129, 19.4%, A Curbane, 7 from 37, 18.9%; J Fortune, 14 from 111, 12.6%, K Fallon, 13 from 108, 12.0%

Phar Too Touchy closes on title PHAR TOO TOUCHY is al-Only Martin Pipe's Faithful

to be the season's most suc- time when taking the ladies' cessful point-to-pointer after open at the same meeting, can winning her tenth race on Saturday (Carl Evans writes). The Victor Dartnall-trained mare, ridden by owner Beccy Saturday and next Monday. Francis, had little trouble beat- and then again at meetings on ing three rivals in the Dul- the final two weekends of the verton West members' race. season.

most past the post in the race Star, who won for the sixth beat Phar Too Touchy to the Grand Marnier Trophy. To do so he would need to win this

SATURDAY'S RESULTS: DULVERTON WEST (Bratron Down) Hunt: 1, Phur Too Touchy (Mess R Franca: 1-7 leaf). Confined: 1. Stall in Susiness (T Michell, 4-7 leaf). Open: 1, Mylege (N Hams, 8-1) Laellet: 1, Fauthu Star (Mess S Victory, 2-9 leaf). PPORA: 1, Beiret Mohr (N Mechell, 8-1). Open Mon II 1, Chern (M Melchell, 8-1). Open Mon II 1, Median Mard (A Foldsworm, 7-1). YSTRAD (Bassaleg) Hunt: 1, Sweet Kildere (Y Tromas, 4-6 leaf). Rest 1, Camerymount (J Turior, 10-1). Confined: 1, Northern Buff (J suless, 4-6 leaf). Laeles: 1, Mendip Music (Mess E Camerot, 5-4 leaf). Open: 1, Hendarome Harvey (J Jules, 5-4 leaf). Open: Mon II. Storling Buck (T Jones, Svens leaf).



Betting revival

points way to

Cecil issues encouraging bulletin on progress of Derby challenger

Dushyantor treads road to recovery

RACING CORRESPONDENT

HENRY CECIL was in buoyant_mood yesterday as he confirmed that Dushyantor, his leading Derby hope, is making a good recovery from the infected foot which flared up after the Dante Stakes at York last Wednesday. The colt could resume cantering today.

"He's fine and gradually getting back into normal exerise," Cecil said. "Everything is under control and he will canter tomorrow or on Tuesday, and probably work at the weekend '

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Cecil, who also plans to run Storm Trooper in the Derby, believes the Khaled Abdullaowned colt may have been

Willie Carson was banned for seven days for failing to ride out Kamari, the odds-on favourite, and being caught on the line by Major Dundee in the F T Everard & Sons Maiden Stakes at Lingfield Park on Saturday evening. He is suspended from May 27 to June 1 inclusive and June 3.

carrying the start of the infection when he finished a good second to Glory Of Dancer in last week's classic trial. However, he is more than hopeful the half-brother to Commander In Chief, the 1993 Derby winner, will make giant strides between now and June 8.

"He's not there yet and I have always said the next three weeks are important. I could see him improving a lot, in the same way as his halfbrother. He will take off because we have been nursing him along until now because of his quarter-cracks and the hard ground.

Now that he has had a little bit of experience of racing and the rain has arrived, he should be a much better horse if I can



Xenophon Of Cunaxa, right, holds off Zygo at Newbury yesterday but, after a stewards' inquiry, was placed second. Photograph: Julian Herbert

near-fore foot was nothing

more than a niggling annoy-

ance to an otherwise smooth

participation in the race in

doubt," she said. "He definite-

ly runs. All it meant was that

he didn't gallop on Saturday

This injury never put his

work him seriously between now and the Derby."

Despite his proven stamina. Dushyantor was held up at the rear of the field during the first half of the Dante Stakes, which was slowly run and. interestingly, Cecil admitted it was "a complete mess up".

The ten-times champion trainer plans to break the habit of a lifetime and bet in earnest with a bookmaker at Royal Ascot — in an attempt to help a charity. Unlike many of his fellow trainers, Cecil is not

a punter but he intends to wager up to £2,000, donated by owners and friends, with Victor Chandler, the leading independent rails bookmaker. Any profits will go to Children

"I shall bet on all four days during the Royal meeting and, I hope, a decent sum of money will go to the charity. I have got some people to help me with the form and it will be done seriously," he said.

Another horse to have been at the centre of an injury scare, Bijou D'Inde, remains on course for the Irish 2,000 when we wanted him to." Bijou D'Inde was a short head Guineas at the Curragh on and a head third to Mark Of Sunday. Mark Johnston, his Esteem and Even Top in the trainer, was at Longchamp 2000 Guineas. yesterday but his wife, Deidre, Johnston's trip to Paris was reported that the colt's sore

not in vain as Double Eclipse landed his second successive group race victory. Ridden by Jason Weaver, Double Eclipse made all the running to deny Nononito by three-quarters of a length in the group two Prix Vicomtesse Vigier.

The André Fabre-trained Luna Wells strengthened her

ing her stable companion, Miss Tahiti, by 12 lengths in the group one Prix Saint-Alary. It was the fifth year in

Oaks claims when easily beat-

succession that Fabre had landed the prize and Luna Wells is now 8-1 (from 10-1) for Epsom with Ladbrokes.

However, connections were not prepared to commit themselves to the Oaks, leaving the Prix de Diane two days later as a possible objective.

Derby ride, page 1

FLAT LEADERS

Trainers

brighter future who could never be little green shoots that described as exuberant. This year, there is every chance that two or three horses in a big field could well be vying

feel-better factor? After months of doom and gloom, spearheaded by the negative effect of the National Lottery on betting turnover, there are tell-tale signs of happier times ahead. And before you begin to think that napping a few winners, having tipped 18 consecutive losers (for which apologies all round), has scrambled the few remaining grey cells possessed by your correspondent, let me tell you the source of such encourage-

hint at recovery are

the key. Politicians in power seek the elusive feel-good

factor. At long last, dare racing point to its own ripple

ment. A bookmaker. Not just any old book-maker. In fact, the biggest in the land. Mike Dillon, of Ladbrokes, said vesterday: We view the future with some optimism and we will be putting plenty of re-sources behind that opti-

The reason for the upbeat message is simple. Punters are again wanting to bet on the horses. A Flat season which threatened to have odds-on favourites for the first two classics was transformed by Alhaarth's defeat at the Craven meeting. Suddenly the 2,000 Guineas was an open race which attracted enormous betting interest, which spilled over to the 1,000 Guineas, won in the bravest style by Bosra Sham. The two races appear to have acted as a catalyst for

A subtle realignment of the fixture list has helped. And there is just a hint that some people may be tiring of the Lottery or scratch cards and preferring to pit their wits, once more, against the "old enemy". "The 2,000 Guineas was a

tremendous race. Instead of having a 5-2 on favourite with few challengers, everybody wanted to run. It buoved everybody up and it has carried on from there. Turnover has increased and things seem to be looking up," Dillon added.

All of which brings us to the Derby. A year ago the Chris Brasher, Jim Furlong, field was headed by a 6-4 favourite ridden by a French jockey whose name meant much needed common

for favouritism at around 5

The divergence of opinion on the fancied runners for the world's most prestigious Flat race is already considerable and can only enhance betting interest in the contest. For example, John Duniop, who knows more than most about the ability of a horse to stay a given distance, disagrees with most breeding pundits and believes that Mark Of Esteem, the 2,000 Guineas winner, has every chance of staying 12 furlongs. And is not the 2,000 Guineas supposed to be the best Derby trial of all?

Aside from the horses, the personalities in this year's race are fascinating. In

RICHARD **EVANS**



Racing commentary

Newmarket, it is fast becoming the Upstairs Downstairs Derby as Henry Cecil and Michael Stoute, between them champion trainer for 14 of the past 20 years, face the challenge of Mark Tompkins and Paul Kelleway from the other side of the street. Add to that Michael Tabor, the owner of Dr Massini and Cockney boy made good, and Frankie Dettori, who has replaced Lester Piggott as the housewives' choice, and the feelbetter factor seems justified.

Elections are taking place for four vacancies to the Racehorse Owners' Association (ROA) council. Ten candidates have lined up and, while not wishing to blight anyone's chances by suggesting people should vote for them, I believe that Mary Hambro and Peter Savill could bring some nothing to most people, sense to ROA proceedings.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S TWO MEETINGS

Newbury

Incast. 1/,813.53.
2.30 (61 Byd) 1, PREMIER BAY (G Hind, B-1); 2, Myrmidon (Par Eddery, B-1), 3, Double-J (J Stack, 33-1), ALSO RAN; 2-1 lav Surgeon, 7-2 Powder River (4th), 11 Puzzlement (5th), 14 Bold Onental, Sun

2.15 Atlantic Storm

3.15 For Old Times Sake

5.15 PRIMA SILK (nan).

Going: Good to firm TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

Racecard number Draw in brackets Su-ligure form (F — lett. P — polled up U — unseated rades 8 — brought down S — stipped up E — relused D — disspatident) Horze's name. Days since leaf outing, J if props, F if that (B — blinkers V — visor H — tood E — Eyeshield C — course winter D — distance winner CD —

(3-Y-0: £2,635: 1m 5yd) (12 runners)

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RANDONVILLE 10: 8th of 11 to Lucky Bea in

BRANDONVILLE 101 301 of 10 to to handcap at Newtacile (1m. good)
LANCASHIRE LEGEND 101 5th old 9 to Frezelere m casaden at Brophlon (1m. firm) on penultymate start.
YOLNGS MAZARD to 2nd of 10 to Perpekarl Lyth m madden auction at Southwell (AW. 1m).

TRAINERS

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2.45 Cee-Jay-Ay

O'Tirot, 16 Bold Spring, 20 Merciless Cop, 25 Speedfr, 33 Praine Minstrel (6th) 12 ran NR Compton Place, Silver Widger 11, 51, 114, 71, 31 P Harts at Berkhamsted Tote 57,80; 21,50, 62,20, 29,50 DF £51 10 Tiro 5262 10 CSF, 565 97.

2282 10 CSF, 565 37.

3.00 (71 64yd) 1, ZYGO (T Ourm, 7-2) 2, Xenophon Of Cuneva (D Harrson, 14-1); -5, Be-Warned (Pat Eddery, 11-4 fav) ALSO RAN 4 Zeida Zonk (5th), 9-2 Mister Frie Eyer, (5th), 6 Law Commession (4th), 6 ran NF: Christmas Nas Hd, 61, 71 25-1, 91 W Jarvis at Newmarket, Toter 63 70; 62 10.

23.90 DF 631 40 CSF 536 29 Xenophon Of Cuneva firsted first, but after a Stewart's innuity was planed second.

3.90 (1m 1f) 1, NIGHT CITY (D O'Shea, B-1), 2, Major Change (Dane O'Neal, 14-1); 3, Donna Viola (J Red., 13-2) ALSO RAN 5-1 lav Censor (6th), 11-2 Grand Du Lsc. Star Maneger (4th), 10 kadamarm, 12 Hoh Express (5th), 14 Sheer Danzig, 16 Aufurm Alfair, 20 Deryabad, La Volta, 33 Vola Via

BATH

3.45 Dande Flyer

4.15 Private Song

4.45 Paradise Waters

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brountle in latest race). Comp on which noise may won (F — firm, good to firm, hard 6 — good S — soil, good to soil, heavy). Owere in brackets. Trainer Age and weight. Ruder plus any allowance The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Ponteiraci (61, good) DIVINA LUNA 161 7th of 20 to Air Wing in maiden

auction at Sandown (St. good)
DRAMATIC ACT short-bad 2nd of 12 to White
Sea in maiden auction at Salicbury (1m, good to

DRAW 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

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2.15 TIMEFORM DAY AT BATH MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES

BETTING: 2-1 Buddy 3-1 Atlantic Storm, 5-1 Bannerel, 10-1 Blossom Deane, 12-1 Brandomstle, 14-1 Denna Luna, 16-1 others

1995. JALFREZI 8-9 J Weaver (4-5 tav.) J Toller 13 tan

FORM FOCUS

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COURSE SPECIALISTS

BUNKERED FIRST TIME: Bath: 2.15 Young Mazaad, 3 45 Blue Sueda Hools, Sharp Pearl, 4 45 Unchanged 5.15 Kossolian, Musselburgh: 8,00 Rebounder Southwell: 4 00 I'm A Dreamer, Windson; 7 15 Music Gold

M Henry
Pad Eddary
B Thomson
J Reid
1 Quiran
R Hoghes

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.15 Atlantic Storm.

13 ran NR: Bue Zulu, Hagwah 31 (b) 53, (b), 1 (d) Lady Hernes al Lutlehambton Tote: £9.40, £2.30, £3.10 £2.80 £5 £64.50 Tino £167.70 CSF £102.87 Tincast £723.89

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4.00 (2m) 1 ROCKY FORUM IS Sancer: 8-1) 2. En Vacances IT Spra-4, 19-1), 5
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CT 50, 22 10, 29 60 E1 60 DF 575 55 7 for 2606.40 CSF £85 35 Tricast £1,452 34 4.30 (7) 64yd) 1, A CHEF TOO FAR (T Curm, 11-2) 2 Polar Prospect IJ Stack, 6-11, 3, Bandri Giri (R Cochrane 6-1) ALSO RAM 4-7 tay Cordan (5th), 25 Shouldbe-grey (4th), 5 ran NR, Duel At Dawn, Lucky

(£3,110· 1m 5yd) (18 runners)

2.45 TIMEFORM BLACK BOOK & RATINGS HANDICAP

218 (18) Q/060-00 ZELBA 11 (C Britain C Britain 4-7-10... M Henry (5) 84
BETTING: 7-2 Pentous Phylit, 6-1 Runic Symbol 7-1 Legizard Express, 8-1 Zelaba 10-1 Mosprob, 12-1 Cee-Say-Ay, 14-1 others

1995: VANBOROUGH LAD 5-8-13 J Read (8-1) M Balton 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

1995: EASTERIN PROPHETS 8-11 Paul Eddery (4-1) G Lowis 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

PELHAM beat Dalmeny Dancer 41 in 8-nunner masked auction over course and distance (good) in STALDAF BRAVEHEART 1%1 2nd of 5 to Nataba Bey in conditions tyce at Whistor (5), good to farm). FOR 1 Selection: PELHAM

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BETTING: 9-4 Total Alond, 11-4 Nellie North, 7-2 Dands Flyer 6-1 Blue Soude Hooks, 8-1 The Firstly Farmer, 10-1 White Souler, 12-1 other:

1995. SIZZLING 8-11 J Red (16-1) R Hannon 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

THE FRISKY FARMER 1%: 3nd o Forecast in seller al Notlingham (6), good to firm). DANDE FLYER best Lady Cardene Lamb 2%: In marsey al Notlingham (6), good to firm). SHARP PEARL 101 7th to Pleading in marden at Sansbury (6), good). NOTAL ALQOF beat Divine Mess-P 11-1 in maiden.

3.15 TIMEFORM CARD JUVENILE CONDITIONS STAKES

3.45 TIMEFORM PHONE SERVICE LIMITED STAKES

(2-Y-0: £4,670. 5t 11yd) (4 runners)

(3-Y-0: £3,530: 5i 11yd) (8 runners)

Archer Raise A Prince, Shadow Casting, Victorian Style, 6t, 2t, 16t, 8t, R Rowe at Storragion Tote 55.80 £1.70, £2.60 DF: \$18.90 Tho 58.30 CSF £30.92 Jackpot: not won (pool of £228,219.65 carried forward to Bath today).
Placepot: £10,632.20. Quadpot: £313.10.

preparation.

2.15 (Im) 1. Cicerone (P Fessey 9-1) 2. H. Pock (14-1) 3. Scottish Park (14-1) 20 ran. Shing 11. J.L. Hams, Totte (10-40) 37 (p. E321, 69 G.P. (385.50 Thr. (306.90) Cart, son, pool of 239.64, camed lorward to 3.65.61 Extensions (CSC 514.65). :0 2 45 at Bath loday) CSF £144 13 2.45 (a) Barriotogy Cor (144 f) 2.45 (d) 1, For Your Eyes Only (M Brich, 2-1), 2, Falls O'Moness (25-1), 3, Rambow Ram (6-11 lay) 12 ran 2; 41 T Easterby Tote: 63-50, C140, C340, E130 DF £143 90 Tho: £28 50 CSF £53 87. 3.15 (1m 2f) 1, Komrevey Dancer (J

4.15 (1m 41 60yd) 1. Exactly (T Williams, 5-1): 2, Mernal Pressure (6-1): 3, Marroy (14-1) Samm 11-4 lay. 8 ran 21-4, 3 J Eyre Tote: 95 90; \$2.00, \$2.20, \$4.20 \$26 30 CSF: \$36 13 Tricast: \$379 85 A45 (Im 1f) 1, Cabarra (R Havin, 7-4); 2, Nanda (7-2); 3, Mansred (6-4 lav) 6 ran, 3, 141 P Chapple-Hyam Tote: £2.90; £1.50, £2.10 DF £2.20, CSF £8.05.

J Wesse: Pat Eddery L Dettori T Quinn F Lynch J Fortune K Fallon Placepot £480.20. Quadpot £42.30.

4.15 TIMEFORM SILVER TANKARD MAIDEN STAKES (£3,621: 1m 2f 46yd) (12 runners) 20º DRY SEA 381J (Blue Bell Lads) R Frost 5-9-12 R Sireet
0-5 WESTERN PLAYBOY 9 (C Kavanagh) R Hannon 4-9-12 Dane O'Nell (3)
05 CODE RED 21 (A Al Kraifa) J Hilfs 3-8-12 M Hills
CRANDON BOULEVARD (M Obersten) Lord Huntingdon 3-8-12 D Harrison

501 (11) 502 (8) 503 (12) 504 (9) 505 (4) 506 (5) 507 (2) 508 (6) 509 (7) 510 (10) 511 (1) 511 (1) BETTING: 5-2 Casata, 11-4 Provide Song. 7-1 Ragsalt Jamest, Crandon Boulesard, 8-1 Glusin, 10-1 We Playboy, 12-1 others.

FORM FOCUS To traver instance at Engineer (into 2, good to gen) CODE RED 99:1 6th to Yorn Jameel in 11-runner residen at hampton (into 2), good to famy). GHUSN 131 12th to King Alex in 18-runner matter at Leisester (into 2), good to famy). CRANDON BOULEVARD cost by Kinstel (influence for stamina) and of mare from staying tardly. PRE-VATE SONG short-head 2nd to Lear Jet in 15-

WESTERN PLAYBOY 8½1 5th to Wor No Fax in 12-runner maiden at Lingfeld (1m '2l. good to firm).

CODE RED 9½1 6th to Yom Jamesi in 11-runner maiden at Neumann (1m '2l. good to firm).

GHASN 13 12th to King Alea in 16-runner maiden at Leticaster (1m '2l. good to firm).

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CHAMDON BOULEVARD cot by Nersda (influence or sharins) and off ormer income state (1m '2l. good to firm). On provious start 4½1 7th of 10 to Sherpas in 13-runner maiden at Neumanns at 10 to Sherpas in 13-runner maiden at Neumanns at 10 to 10 t

4.45 TIMEFORM PERSPECTIVE & RATINGS FILLIES HANDICAP (£3,599: 1m 5f 22yd) (7 ninners)

Long handican: Imple Tie 7-5

BETTING: 5-2 Laindi, 3-1 Unchanged, 7-2 Paradese Walars, 5-1 Rasayal, 8-1 Unchanted Waters, 10-1 Tirolette, 25-1 Triple Tie 1995 RASAYEL 5-8-6 T Quinn (7-2) P Evens 8 rain FORM FOCUS

UNCHANGED hest effort 7-64 4th to Menti in 18menter Chester Cup Handicap (2m 21 147yd, good to firm).

LAUROI best effort 61 2nd to Colertige in 14runner landicap here (2m 11, good to firm) are clared to present the start of the production as start of the production of the prod

5.15 TIMEFORM RACEVIEW HANDICAP (£3,110: 5l 161yd) (14 runners)

BETTING: 7-2 Prints Silk, 5-1 Rockcracker, Juces, 8-1 Our Shades, Beileys Sunset, 10-1 Lord Sty. Ashlemazy. 12-1 others 1995; TINKER OSMASTON 4-9-4 J Williams (14-1) M Sounders 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

pecultimate start. LORD SKY best effort his season when %4 second of 10 to the institute Boy in 10-runner handicap at Lingsteld (8), AW). MOUSEHOLE 111 9th of 16 to So intropid in bendeep at Lejeoster (61, good) BAILEYS SUMSET best Super Rodoy neck in 13-runner clatimer at Notlegham (51, good to firm) on conditionals, and

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Newbury

Going: good 2.00 (1m 4/ 5yd) 1, Senrazan (T Ourn, 4-1); 2, Nedor (10-1); 3, Nebbsan (3-1 lay), 9 ran, NR Arabian Story Hd, sh hd J Dunlop, Tote £4 70, £1 80, £2 60, £1 40 DF £25.30, Trio, £20.00, CSF £37.38, Tricast, £119.81

Tricast £119.81.
2.30 (1m 5/ 61yd) 1. Election Day (W Carson, 5-2; Richard Evans's nap and Private Handicapper's top ratingl, 2. Minds Music (9-4 fey), 3. Posidonas (8-1). 8 ran. NR: Behardan Sunshine, Further Flight, Naked Welcome 41. 9 M Stoute Tote: £2.90. £1.60. £1.30. £1.50. DF: 63.70. Trico £11.40 CSF: £3.35. 3.00 (1m) 1, Soviet Line (T Qunn, 13-2); 2, Charmwood Forest (3-1); 3, Spectrum (11-10 lav), 7 ran, Nk, 4t, M Stoute, Tota 620; 52-60, 52-20, DF: 59-40, CSF

225, 12 3.30 (61 Byd) 1, Thatcherella (B Thomson, 10-1), 2, Dornak Amaam (13-2); 3, Imtaash (16-1), How's Yer Father 6-1 tav, 14 ran, 41, 41 D Chappell, Tote: £12.20; £3.10, £2.40, £4.80, DF: £37,70, Trio £331.40, CSF £67.28, Tricast; £951.41,

4.00 (6) 8yd) 1. March Star (W Carson, 11-4 lav); 2, Mald By The Fire (3-1); 3, Simple Logic (25-1), 6 ran, Nk, 134, J Toller Tole: £4.50; £1.60, £1.80, DF: £3.50 CSF:

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4.90 (Im 2f 6yd) 1. Harbour Dues (R Cochrane, 20-f), 2. Bechsten (15-2f; 3, Count Basie (2-f law) 12 ran. NR Serenus NK, 31. Lady Herries, Toter 221.30, £420, £190, £130. DF £5140. Trio, £35.20 CSF; £153.67
5.00 (7f 64yd) 1, Capilano Princess (A Mackey, 20-f); 2, Commin' Up (16-f); 3, Golden Pond (5-f law), 14 ran. 1%, hd. D Haydh, Jones Tote £48.90, £9 60, £5.50, £1.60, DF £304.10. Trio, £791.40. CSF; £280.37, Tricast; £1,156.95.

BICHARD EVANS

Nap: NELLIE NORTH (3.45 Bath) **Next best: Princely Sound** (7.15 Windsor)

5.30 (1m 2i 5yd) 1, Alzeus (Peut Eddery, 11-2); 2, Sheraf Kebeer (6-4 fav); 3, Palamon (4-1), 12 fan, NR, Filly Mignonne, 5l, Sl, C Horgan, Tote 56,40, 51,50, £1,60, £1,50, DF; £6,40, Trio: 27.80. CSF. £14.27 Jackpot: £150,868.00 (part won). Placepot: £36.90. Quadpot: £36.90.

Thirsk 2.15 1, Fortzy (13-2); 2. Lawlul Find (7-1), 3, Full Traceability (11-4). Sharp But Fair 9-4 lav 9 ran. 2.45 1, Double Action (4-7 lav); 2, Fredrik The Flerce (11-2); 3. Rum Lad (9-1). 6 ran. 3.15 1, Royal Ceilidh (8-1), 2. Smarter Charter (5-2 lav), 3, Kazimlera (8-1), 12 ran. NFr Safio, Tabriz.

3.45 1, To The Roof (10-1); 2, Benzoe (10-1), 3, Selhurstpark Flyer (16-1); 4, Fame Again (16-1). Double Splendour 7-2 4,15 1, L'Ami Louis (9-1); 2, Hammer-stein (6-4 fav); 3, Anthelia (5-2), 5 ran NR: Trie Kernata.

4,45 1, Kunucu (9-4 lav), 2, Swynlord Dream (11-4); 3, Laalee (11-4), 5 ran, NR: 5.15 1, Place De L'Opera (8-11 lav); 2. Sunset Wells (5-1); 3, Shiftey Venture (7-1), 5 ran. NR. Hot Dogging.

Hamilton Park 8.20 1, Cheeky Chappy (10-1); 2, Red Five (33-1); 3, Natural Key (8-1) Henry The Hawk 9-2 lav 14 ran 6.50 1, Smokey From Captaw (5-1), 2, Baterini Parksi (Evens fav), 3, Contra-vene (5-4), 4 ran NR: Enchanting Eve, Hello Dolly. 7.50 1. Ride Satily Ride (7-2 lav), 2, Nomore Mr Niceguy (11-2), 3, Grate Times (8-1) 10 ran. NR: Red Garter 8.20 1, Firefighter (20-1); 2, I'm A Nut Men (10-1), 3, Steedlas! Elite (8-1), 4, Pattle (8-1) McGillycuddy Reeks 6-1 ji-lav. 17 ran

8.50 1, Mattewan (8-11 (ev), 2, Candie Smile (11-8); 3, Kuwam (9-1), 6 ran. Lingfield Park

6.00 1, Smart Boy (6-1), 2, Tough Leader (5-4 fav), 3, Teer White (13-2), 7 ran. 6.30 1. Halfland (10-1); 2. Lift Boy (5-2 lav); 3. Almapa (14-1), 4. Secret Miss (7-1). 16 ran 7,00 1, Mijas (33-1), 2, Alpine Hidesway (7-1); 3, Delphine (14-1) Glorious Aragon 9-4 lav 15 ran, NR First Gallery

7.90 1, Ashjar (13-2), 2, Silver Harrow (14-1), 3, Mister Woodstick (13-2) White Plains 7-2 fav 13 ran NR Newlands Corner 8.00 1, It'sthebusiness (12-1); 2, Wet Patch (6-1); 3, Zaaletl (6-1), Mr Rough 9-2 fav 15 ran. NR: South Eastern Fred. 8.30 1, Major Dundee (9-2), 2, Kamari (4-5 tav); 3, Pep Talk (10-3), 12 ran.

Bangor 2.10 1, French Buck (8-1); 2, Bossymoss (8-1), 3, Snowy Petrel (11-2 lav), 15 ran. 2.40 1, Hedgehopper (11-2); 2, Heresthedeal (15-2), 3, Oscali An Doras (9-2), Sherwood Boy 3-1 fav. 12 ran. 3.10 1, The Captain's Wish (100-30): 2, Prussia (16-1), 3, Topanga (5-1). Josh-ua's Vision 3-1 lav. 18 ran. 3.40 1, Scally Muire (4-1), 2, Inch Maid (18-1), 3, My Nominee (11-8 lav) 8 ran. 4.10 1. Naiysari (20-1), 2, Stming Edge (4-1); 3, Playful Juliet (40-1) Pridewood Picker 3-1 tav 9 ran. 4.40 1, Andermatt (8-1), 2. Forest Feather (6-1), 3. Shannon Glen (20-1) Tough Deal 2-1 (av. 11 ran 5.10 1, Wynyard Ledy (2-1 lav); 2, Prote And Loss (9-1); 3, konvekta Queen (3-1), 18 ran.

Fakenham

6.10 1, Marsh's Law (9-1); 2, Colway Prince (12-1); 3, Highly Reputable (6-1). Pair Ol Jacks 7-4 lev. 12 ran 6.40 1, Sheer Jest (8-11 lav); 2, Zam Bee (11-2); 3, Blue Danube (50-1), 13 ran NR Pamela's Lad. 7.10 1, Sprowston Boy (5-1), 2, Mine's An Ace (5-2); 3, Fierce (6-4 (ev) 5 ran. NR: Tim Soldier. 7.40 1. Shers Delight (7-4 lav), 2, Mirador (4-1); 3, North Barinister (9-2), 8 ran.

8.10 1, Menor Meo (11-4); 2, No Joker (11-4), 3, Rayman (16-1) Netherlara 9-4 fav 11 ran NR. Bitler Aloe, Winters Collage. 8.40 1, Bon Voyage (Evens lav); 2, Grundon (10-1), 3, Pip's Dream (2-1), 6

Southwell

2.25 1. Pavl's Brother (25-1), 2, Hob-nobber (9-1); 3, Private Jer (12-1) Park Drift 13-8 lav. 11 ran NR Thias. 2.55 1, Arctic Life (11-4 jf-lav), 2, Eastern Magic (3-1); 3, Uncle Bert (7-2) Salman 11-4 jf-tav. 6 ran 3.25 1, Childhey Chocolate (11-8 ii-fav), 2, Jim Valentine (9-1), 3, Philip's Woody (11-8 ji-fav), 4 ran, NR, Waterlord Castle. 3.55 1, All On (10-1), 2. Amercus (100-30), 3. Kippanour (4-5 lav). 8 ren. NR: Ah There You Are. Deep Fair 4.25 1, Peter Monamy (11-4 lav): 2, Night Time (3-1); 3, Kind Prince (40-1), 10 ran.

4.55 1, Slaught Son (5-1); 2, Tallywagger (100-30), 3, Miss Pimpernel (25-1).

James Pigg 9-4 tav. 8 ren.

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Soviet Line completes Lockinge double RICHARD QUINN replaced Pat Eddery to Stakes at Royal Ascot because he would face a

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RICHARD QUINN replaced rat Eddery to guide Soviet Line to a rare Juddmonte Lockinge Stakes double at Newbury on Saturday. Soviet Line raced alone on the far rail to deny Charnwood Forest by a neck and take the group one prize for the second year running.

Michael Stoute, the winning trainer, said:

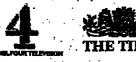
"He wants good or softer ground but I'm not sure whether he will run in the Queen Anne sure whether he will run

number commer at notacignatif (5), good to finity of penultiving start.

POLLY PUI about 71 6th of 22 to Reby Romeo in 22-numer apprentice handcap at Warwick (1nt, turn), OUR SHADEE 364 3rd of 15 to Klipspinger in seller at Southerell (AW, 61).

Selection: PROMA SILK





TUNE IN AND CHOOSE BRITAIN'S GREATEST SPORTS STAR

Tonight is the last opportunity to vote for The Greatest on Channel 4, before the final summary and announcement of the winner on Monday May 27. And your vote will count in more ways then one, because it could win you a pair of tickets to the European tootball. championship or even the top prize of a trip to the Olympic Games in Atlanta with Daley Thompson.

As you will know by now, the main aim of the series is to bring some degree of scientific method to the comparisons so that a motor racing driver can be judged against a cricketer, a jockey against a footballer. You probably won't be able to put aside your prejudices completely - we all have our heroes, and our favourite sports - but The Greatest will open your mind to achievements and personalities you may not otherwise have considered worthy of

Tonight is the eleventh show in the 12-part series. Part 1 showed how the 20 sportsmen and women were shortlisted. The cases for Jackie Stewart, Linford Christie, Bobby Moore, Torvill and Dean, Mary Rand, Ian Botham, Barry John, Nick Faldo, Steve Ovett, Bobby Chariton, Lester Piggott, Steven Recgrave, Kenny Dalglish, Danis Compton, Len Hutton, Sebestian Coe, Fred Peny and Daley Thompson of the 20 shortlisted have been stated. Each week two contenders are examined and their relative merits discussed by the panel of Frances Edmonds, author and broadcaster, Danny Kelly, editor of Total Sport, and a guest celebrity (tonight it is Barry McGulgan). Chairing the debate is Gordon Kennedy. Make sure you don't miss the final show on May, which will give the results and declare The Greates

The Greatest is screened on Channel 4 on Mondays at 8.30pm and repeated on Saturdays at 10am.

The sporting heroes under examination tonight are Jimmy Wilde and George Best, and The Times sports writers give their appreciations to help your judgment.

TONIGHT'S CONTENDERS



In the first five of his ten years with Manchester United, George Best won two Football League championship medals, and the European Cup, acoring the key econd goal in United's victory at Wembley, but that record, impressive enough in all conscience, does little to reveal his soaring ability. He will be remembered as El Beatle after his stunning contribution while still a teenager to United's 5-1 win over Benfica in the

GEORGE BEST

Stadium of Light, and as the first modern superstar footballer, for his affairs with Miss Worlds and sadly, his difficulties with drink as frustration at United's decline took him over. Even so he played 466 games, and scored 178 goals for United, a record most modern players would regard as representing a fully satisfactory career.

His tragedy was that at the height of his ability, United, the Holy Grail of the European Cup finally reached in 1968, were in decline and Northern ireland were enduring a fallow period, so that he was never able to reap the rewards on the European and World stages that his talents demanded. After leaving United finally in 1974, he played in LA, returning for an Indian Summer with Fulham before

the demons increasingly took over. But before the decline, he thrilled a generation. He was perhaps the createst British footballer of all time, certainly the most thrilling to watch, a player of sublime skills, courage, cheek and pace. But above all, he had such perfect balance that David Meek, who saw every one of his 400 games for United, remembers above all his ability to go into a sliding tackle almost horizontal, come out with the ball at his feet and be up and away with the ball in one moment. Others remember dazzling goals or the ball skills which eft more than one opponent as Paddy Crerand put it, with twisted blood as they attempted to stop him.



Jimmy Wilde is arguably the greatest British poxer of all time. His career spanned 12 rears from 1911 to 1923. He became world lyweight champion at the age of 24 and reigned for seven years. What made this frail-looking Welshman

inique was that he always boxed well below the weight of his opponents, usually at 6st 10th in a division with an 8st limit. He also had an incredible 830 fights in booths against all corners. But his official record stands at 136 contests, of which he

won 131, lost three and drew two; 99 of his wins were inside the

This compares very favourably with the record of Julio Cesar Chavez, who is today one of the all-time greats with 98 contests, 96 wins, 78 of them inside the distance. No wonder Wilde was known. as the Ghost with the Hammer in his Hand, the Tylorstown Terror and the Mighty Atom. Nat Fleischer called him the greatest living fighting man of all time. Had he been boxing today, his punching power pound for pound would almost certainly have exceeded that of Mike Tyson.

Wilde became undisputed world champion in 1916 when he knocked out Zulu Kid of the United States, in 11 rounds. Wilde made one successful defence but then in 1923, at the age of 31, he met Pancho Villa, of the Philippines, and was stopped in seven rounds. The bout was described as one of the most stirring of all time. Wilde never boxed again. He died in 1969 at the age of 77.

WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO

You will be asked to score each sports personality in each of five categories. Each category carries a maximum of 20 points, so the total scores you give are out of a maximum of 100. The categories

ant - for honours won and overall record Dominance - for quality of opposition, longevity and domination of peers

Style - for performance, technique, sportsmanship and image Fortitude - for coping with pressure, will to win, self control Impact - charisma and transcendence

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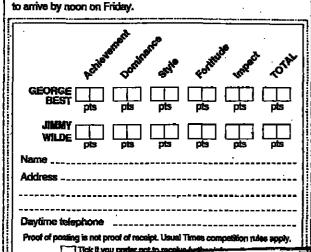
each week, Channel 4 and *The Times* will each be giving away a pair of tickets to the European football championship, courtesy of Carlsberg, the official beer of Euro 96, to the person who manages to match the average scores for both of that week's profiled sports personalities. In the event of a

tie, a draw will take place. Ten runners up will each win a signed copy of Daley Thompson's book accompanying the series, st (Boxtree, £14,99). At the end of the series, all the weekly winners will have the chance to win the greatest prize of all - a trip to the Olympics with Daley

HOW TO REGISTER YOUR VOTE

By telephone: You can call The Greatest phoneline, on 0891 66 55 44

Lines are open from 9pm until midnight tomorrow and from 10am on Saturday, when the show is repeated, until midnight on Sunday. Calls cost 39p cheep rate, 49p at other times. By post: complete The Times entry form and send it to The Greatest Week 10, PO Box 1413, London N1 8HY



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Anna Foster talks to the men and one woman who rowed around the clock



Keith Morris (foreground) with seven of the 10-strong Amex team who took the world indoor-rowing record

Speeding along without moving

is rarely the setting for a new world record. An even less likely place is a prison gym. But at these sites the 24-hour indoor rowing record has been broken twice this year and a third challenge is about to be

can Express and officers of Erlestoke Prison the battle has become as intense as the Oxford and Cambridge boat race. "I was very wired, nervous and hurting, and at times I felt like crying," says Andrew Hales, 30, a member of the 10strong American Express team which holds the record.

In March the Amex team rowed round the clock and covered 392,840 metres, beating the Erlestoke Prison record of 385,207 metres that had been set the previous

In indoor rowing you do not see any water. The records are set on Concept II indoor rowing machines, found in gyms and fitness centres up and down the country and

used in Olympic training. To liven up the exercise routines and set goals, Concept II, the world's leading manufacturer of the machines, started to publish records and encourage clubs to challenge them. The Amex team began training three months before their attempt. Fifteen hopefuls signed up for the ten places. They included a financial controller, a systems expert and a risk manager — only one had

ever rowed competitively. Trained by Keith Morris. the gym manager, the 13 men and two women rowed three days a week, building up stamina and speed. Competition for the places was fierce: only one of the women, Rose Wells, would be chosen, along with nine of the men.

In the final four weeks, Morris ran two dress rehearsals and the final man's place was decided on a difference of a metre. Muscles bulged and appetites exploded but all the rowers, in particular Wells, 32, lost weight with the extra exercise. Tension was high as the team members continued to work full time. "Social life was non-existent," says Hales. "All you did was work and row, work and row." Even on the day, the rowers worked before starting the marathon at 6.30cm.

Morris organised two teams of five, with individuals rowing for 12 minutes at a time. He had calculated the cumulative distance after each slot so that he knew at any given

company sports club moment if the team was on course to beat the record. Mike White, 34, says: "All the time you had to do that little bit extra in case someone else didn't make it."

By the early hours fatigue was setting in. With bodies wanting sleep, the rowers found it hard to stay motivated. "I felt so knackered I didn't think I could continue," says White. "But after midnight I turned on the radio and got a second wind." Sleeping bags littered the floor and a masseur was on hand. Hales showered to stay feeling fresh and Wells tried to eat.

With colleagues cheering them on, the team beat the record at 6.04pm, with 26 minutes to spare. "It was my one and only chance of making it into the record books and I did it," says Hales. Within weeks, however, the

team heard that Erlestoke Prison would put up a nat-



attempt to retake the record on May 30 at Marlborough Leisure Centre. According to Tim Ellis, senior physical educa-tion officer at Erlestoke, the Arnex record is fast but beatable. His team includes marathon runners and one former prisoner who turned up for the previous challenge two days after being released. One grievance shared by all the rowers is that they are not listed in the Guinness Book of

Records; Guinness is reluctant because the records are set by a commercial company. Concept II publishes other indoor rowing world records. The two-man million metre row, for example, is held by two policemen in Hong Kong with a time of 87 hours and 34 minutes. The longest contin-ual row is held by Edinburgh

University Boat Club who rowed for 360 hours. In the United States, where the records have a cult following, an annual challenge known as the Charles River All-Star Has-Beens (CRASH-B for short) attracts 1,200 rowers using 140 machines.

FACTS ABOUT INDOOR HOWING

● Concept II publishes annual British and world rankings lists in June. To obtain these, and further information about indoor rowing, contact: Simon Larkin, Concept II Ltd.

4 Prince of Wales Court, Church Street, Old Basford, Notts NG6 0GA. (0115-942 1925). Concept II rowers cost £799, including VAT and

While Concept II publishes the records, companies and clubs organise and publicise their own events. Both Amex and Erlestoke sponsored their rows in aid of local charities and claimed a boost in employee morale.

Not least, a company can tell clients that a world record was broken in its own gym. whether to reform the team if

divided Hales claims too much pressure of work, White is definitely in and Wells is a maybe, depending on a knee injury. So far a core team of six has formed. While Erlestoke poses the

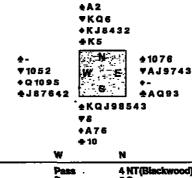
immediate threat, the Army also hopes to mount a challenge. Is there a record for the number of times a world Arnex will have to decide record has been broken in one year? Surely that would make its record is broken. Opinion is the Guinness Book of Records.





By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent This is a hand from the Lords and Commons Bridge Match, held at the end of March. After Bridget Prentice for the Commons bid Six Spades she realised belatedly that her partner had shown only one ace. As she put down her hand she apologised for not being able to count to two. Hope she's not a Whip — could be awkward in these days of narrow majorities.

Game all Dealer South



Pass Oble

How do you think East should defend after winning the ace of hearts? In practice he returned a spade. But should he have tried to cash the ace of clubs? East can tell that South is

likely to have twelve tricks if he has eight spades — he is known to have the ace of diamonds from his response to Blackwood, and if he lays down the ace of diamonds after drawing trumps he will have a marked finesse in that suit. Thus he is going to make eight spade tricks, a heart and three diamonds. What if South has only seven spades? Then if South's shape were 7-3-3-0, attempting to cash the ace of clubs fails, but a heart return

I don't think it is cast-iron, but as either an eight-card spade suit with South, or a sevencard suit with a singleton club,

would give East a ruff.

is more likely than a hand with a club void, I would try the ace of clubs at trick two. At the table, after the spade

return, South was so keen to get his club discard that, after drawing trumps, he neglected to lay down the ace of diamonds. He crossed immediately to the king of diamonds, and now had to lose a diamond trick. ☐ For details of The Times

Midland Private Banking National Bridge challenge, contact the event organisers on 0181-942 9506 or write to: Britannic Building, Beverley Way, New Malden, Surrey, KT3 4PH or fax to: 0181-942

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WORDSWATCHING

By Philip Howard

NIMMING a. A mythical Arcadia b. Pilfering

c. Too much, a surfeit PEULVAN a. A hearse b. Advance skirmishers

NEOPHRON a. A vulture b. A Neo-Platonist c. Chalk facing PINGUIN a. A sea bird

b. A kind of pineapple c. A lumbar tendon



By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Slashing Attacks

In the Madrid tournament, which finished over the weekend, the leading Spanish player, grandmaster Miguel Illescas, distinguished himself with a fine result, including a number of slashing attacks against top opponents, includ-ing Viktor Korchnoi, the for-

White: Miguel Illescas Black: Alexander Morozevich Madrid, May 1996

Nimzo-Indian Defence

2 c4 3 Nc3 0-0

White is planning Rh4, when mate is inevitable. White: Miguel Illescas

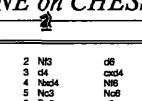
Sicilian Defence



mer runner-up in the world championship.

28 Oxg5+ 29 Ri4 Black resigns

Black: Viktor Korchnoi Madrid, May 1996



a6 h6 Be7 Bd7 0-0

26 g4 27 Nxg6 Black resigns Madrid Results

Illescas (Spain) and Topalov (Bulgaria) both 6.5/9; Shirov and Salov (both Spain) 6; Gelfand (Belarus) and

(Russia) 3; Korchnoi (Switzerland) 2; San Segundo (Spain)

Azmaiparashvili (Georgia) 5; Adams (UK) 3.5; Morozevich

Chess Collectors

Collectors of chess sets will be interested by a Sotheby's sale of fine chess sets on Wednesday and Thursday of this week

The most remarkable object to come under the hammer will be an Augsberg set of chess men from 1735 in silver, box wood and tortoiseshell for which advance estimates go as high as £50,000.

Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

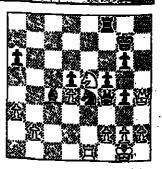
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Alatortsev -Kahn, Moscow 1941. White has just sacrificed a piece to reach this position. Can you

see what he had in mind?

Solution on page 36



Council cannot provide homes through company

Credit Suisse and Another v
Waltham Forest London addition the court had had the opportunity of considering the Borough Council

Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Lord [Judgment May 8]

A local housing authority was not entitled to discharge any of its statutory functions to house the homeless by means of a partly owned company and it had no power under section !!! of the Local Government Act 1972 either

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to guarantee the obligations of the company under a loan agreement with a bank or to indemnify the company against losses. The Court of Appeal so stated allowing an appeal by Waltham Forest London Borough Council from the decision of Mr Justice Gatehouse (The Times November

8, 1994). The judge had, on the application of the plaintiffs, Credit Suisse and North East London Property Co Ltd (NELP), for sum mary judgment and/or disposal of the case on a point of law under Order 14 and 14A of the Rules of the Supreme Court, given judgment in their favour. In 1988 the council had estab-

lished NELP, of which 50 per cent of the shares were held by the council and the balance by Nat-ional Leasing Finance Co Ltd (NLF), a company specialising in public housing finance and leasing schemes. The council guaranteed the loan of £11 million made by the bank to NELP for the purchase of 108 properties which would be leased to the council on short leases and also agreed to indemnify NELP against any losses.

It had been intended that the houses would be sold at the end of the lease period and the loan paid off in full but after a collapse in the property market there was a deficit in the proceeds of sale of the es and NELP failed to pay off the loan.

Mr Andrew Arden, QC and Mr Richard Sheldon for the council: Mr Christopher Clarke, QC and Miss Catharine Otton-Goulder for

LORD JUSTICE NEILL said that the judge had held that section III of the 1972 Act gave the council implied power to guarantee the payments by NELP under the loan NELP The Court of Appeal had had the advantage of more dewere addressed to the judge. In

scope of section III of the 1972 Act in deciding the appeal between the hank and Allerdale Borough Council (The Times May 20).

By section 2(3) of the 1972 Act it was provided that the council should be a body corporate. Its only powers were those given by statute. It was clear that it had no express statutory power either to guarantee the obligations of NELP under the foan agreement with the bank or to indemnify NELP against losses suffered as a result the scheme.

Although it was true that local authorities were entitled under section 58 of the Housing Association Act 1985 to guarantee the payment of money horrowed by a housing association, that power was restricted so that assistance could only be given to a registered housing association. NELP, how-ever, was neither a registered assocition of any kind.

The plaintiffs, however relied on section III and argued, inter alia, I The scheme whereby the council

lished NELP as a means of purchasing and leasing the houses so that accommodation could be made available to homeless people was calculated to facilitate, or be conducive or incidental, to the discharge of the council's

2 The provision of the guarantee to the bank and the grant of an indemnity to NELP also were calculated to facilitate, or be conducive or incidental, to the the council's

3 The relevant functions were those contained in sections 9, 65 and 69 of the Housing Act 1985. 4 In those circumstances the provision of the guarantee and the indemnity were within the council's powers under section []] of the

That was a powerful argument. Furthermore, one must take account of the fact that the purpose of the scheme was to alleviate hardship and to make the best provision possible for the accommodation of homeless people. With regret, however, his Lordship had come to the conclusion that the council had no power to give the guarantee or to grant

properties had a number of fea-tures which included the

acquired not by the council but by Although two of the four directors of the company were appointed by the council and resolutions had to he approved by all the directors there was a possibility of a conflict of interest between the duties of the two council directors as directors and their duties as employees of the council.

(b) Under the option agreement the council were obliged to lease properties offered to them by NELP. (c) The success of the scheme

depended on continuing inflation in house prices. The council would no doubt have been able to cope with an isolated loss resulting from the unsuccessful sale of an individual property, but the poten-tial exposure of the council was In Credit Suisse v Allerdale BC

his Lordship had pointed out that it was necessary, when considering the implied powers of a local authority under section 111 of the 1972 Act, to identify the relevant statutory functions. It was also necessary to examine the context in be exercised.

Section 102 of the 1972 Act contained provisions relating to what arrangements could be made for the discharge of functions by local authorities. Those powers were very limited. They did not entitle a local housing authority to discharge any of their functions by means of a partly owned company.

Could that power, or the power give such a company assistance in the form of a guarantee or indemnity, be implied by reason of

His Lordship had come to the case, that where Parliament had made detailed provisions as to how he carried out there was no scone for implying the existence of adtional powers which lay wholly outside the statutory code. Section III(3) made it clear that the power to enter into financial obligations was subject to statutory controls which might be imposed.

Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Lord Justice Hobhouse delivered concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Mr G. M. Curran, The scheme for the leasing of the Walthamstow: Lawrence Graham.

Local authority powerless to guarantee loan

Borough Council Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord Peter Gibson and Lord Justice Hobbouse [Judgment May 8]

A scheme devised by a local authority for the development of a time share and leisure pool com-plex which involved setting up a company to horrow the requisito finance fell outside the scope of section 19 of the Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1476 and the local authority had no under section III of the Local Government Act 1972 to guarantee the company's loan. Accordingly, the establishment of the company and the giving of the

guarantee were illegal.

The Court of Appeal stated dismissing an appeal by the bank, Credit Suisse, from the dismissal by Mr Justice Colman ([1995] Lioyd's Rep 315) of the bank's claim against the local authority, Allerdale Borough Council, under a contract of guarantee dated May

In 1986 the council wished to provide a leisure pool in Keswick and, in order to get around prescribed expenditure controls devised a scheme which involved development for the primary purpose of securing a profit to meet the costs of constructing the pool.
It was decided that a limited

mpany, Allerdale Developmen Ltd, should be set up to assist with the financing of the project and that the board of the company should be composed of three councillors and one officer and that the council should provide the company with a guarantee of £6 million. The bank provided the company with the loan of £6

Subsequently, the sale of the time share units proved unsatisfactory, the company went into liquirecover from the council the sums owing to the bank by the company. Section 19 of the 1976 Act provided: "(1) A local authority

may provide ... such recreational facilities as it thinks fit . . . and . the powers conferred by this subsection to provide facilities include powers to provide buildings, equipment supplies and assistance of any kind. . Section III of the 1972 Act

provided: "(i) Without prejudice to any powers exercisable apart from this section but subject to the provisions of this Act and any other enactment passed before or after this Act, a local authority (whether or not involving the

of money . . .) which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the discharge of any of Mr Christopher Clarke, QC and Miss Catharine Otton-Goulder for

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the bank; Mr Jules Sher, QC and Mr John Howell, QC, for the LORD JUSTICE NEILL said that the appeal raised a number of questions relating to the powers of local, authorities including the

subsidiary powers conferred by section 111(1) of the 1972 Act. At the material time in 1986 and 1987 the capital expenditure of provisions of the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980. Schedule 12 to the 1980 Act set out the categories of prescribed expenditure which were subject to con-trol including the acquisition of land and the construction of

At a time when public spending, including spending local authorities, was under tight restraint the scope for local authorities to horrow money for capital scheme, however desirable, was extremely limited. It was against that background that the council, following a trend among other local authorities, came to consider the use of a company to borrow the funds which were needed for what were thought to be desirable develop-

ments in the area. Basing himself on section 19 of 1972 Act, counsel for the bank submitted, inter alia:

I That the power under section 19(1) was a wide power to provide such recreational facilities as the council thought fit. 2 That one of the lawful ways of providing recreational facilities was by making use of a company which was under the control of the

3 That the concluding words of section 19(1) made it clear that the power to provide facilities included the power to provide "assistance of any kind". Such assistance could take the form of financial assistance including the provision of a

4 That in any event the council had power to form a company and give a guarantee under its subsidiary vers contained in section III of

Counsel also referred, inter alia, to section 2(1) of the Local Authorities (Land Act) 1963 which, he argued, empowered the council to carry out the scheme and to give the guarantee.

His Lordship did not find it necessary to decide whether, in the

there might not be cases where a council could lawfully use a wholly owned subsidiary under its direct control as a means of carrying out certain of its functions. The company might then be the agent of the council. That point did not arise in the present case.

The purpose of the scheme was that the company should operate and incur liabilities independently of the council. The purpose would be frustrated if the company had been an agent.

If, when a sum was drawn under the loan facility, the company was acting as agent for the council, the borrowing would have been a breach of the statutory control. The borrowing was in-tended to be outside the statutory control. If, however, the sum was drawn by the company on its own behalf, it was quite plain that the provision of the facilities was by the company and not by the council. There was no escape from

The judge held that providing time share accommodation did not constitute the provision of a rec-reational activity and his Lordship agreed. It was said that the leisure pool would be used by persons occupying the time share accommodation and that there was a sufficient connection between the

As the judge had pointed out. however, the only real connection between the pool and the time share accommodation was the council's intention that the disposal of time share units would provide a source of funding for the repayment of the loan.

The words "assistance of any kind" had to be construed in their context. The words came at the end of section 19(1) and formed part of a sentence or clause. It seemed clear that the powers to provide buildings, etc were part of the powers to provide facilities and that the beneficiaries were intended to be those who were to enjoy or make use of the recreational facilities. In his Lordship's judgment the words could not be construed so as to mean that assistance could be given to those who were providing

The effect of section 111 of the 1972 Act had assumed great importance in the present case. The bank argued that the council's powers under section 19 of the 1976 Act and section 2 of the 1963 Act were extended by section III so as to embrace the use of the company and the giving of the guarantee as legitimate means of carrying out the statutory functions under the

clear that in considering the implied powers of a local authority under section III it was first necessary to identify the relevant statutory functions. The word "functions" embraced all the duties and powers of a local authority, that is, the sum total of all the activities Parliament had en-

trusted to it. In the present case, the statutory functions were those set out in section 19(1) of the 1976 Act and section 2(1) of 1963 Acr. It was also necessary in any particular case to examine the context in which the implied powers were to be ex-ercised. The context, in the present case, included the following relevant circumstances:

(a) It was a basic principle underlying local authority fi-nances that they were to be conducted on an annual basis. Income and expenditure had to be attributed to the year in which the income arose or in which the expenditure was incurred.

(b) The scheme involved the council in incurring substantial financial obligations. There was no possibility of the council undertakng the scheme out of its ordinary income or without incurring substantial financial obligations. was subject to stanutory control. So on was the council's power to

(d) The 1972 Act made provision for the means whereby the council could accomplish the statutory functions set out in section 19(1) of the 1976 Act and section 2(1) of the 1963 Acı.

Thus Parliament clearly inended that the council should discharge those statutory functions by means of its power to borrow. Schedule 13 to the 1972 Act established a comprehensive code which defined and limited the

In those circumstances where Parliament had laid down a route whereby a local authority could enable it to carry out its statutory functions, was it possible to say that the scheme facilitated or was conducive or was incidental to the

His Lordship agreed with the judge that one had to look at the statutory powers of local authori-ties as a whole. The only implied power could be a power for the council itself to borrow the money.

The implied powers in section III did not provide an escape route from the statutory controls. That was clear not only as a matter of principle but also on the construction of section III itself. Section 111(3) ensured that the powers exercisable under section 1(1(1) had to be used in conformity with the other statutory provisions.

Accordingly, the bank's argu ment on statutory powers failed at each stage. The establishment of the company and the giving of the guarantee were part of an ingenious scheme designed to circumvent the no doubt irksome controls imposed by central gov-ernment. The council, however. could only do what it was em-powered to do by statute. Neither establishment of a company nor the giving of a guarantee fell within its express or implied powers. In the light of that conclusion it followed that the establishment of the company and the giving of the guarantee were ultra

Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Lord Justice Hobbouse delivered concurring judgments. Solicitors: Clyde & Co; Ward

Defence not available

Kleinwort Benson Ltd v Birmingham City Council The defence of passing on or windfall gain was not available to a local authority which had entered into interest-rate swap contract with a bank and sought to counter a claim for restitution based on unjust enrichment by asserting that the bank had or might have hedged the contract so as to suffer no loss.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Evans, Lord Justice Saville and Lord Justice Morritt) so held on May 9 when dismissing an appeal by Birmingham City Coun-

Gatehouse on December 9, 1994 refusing leave to amend its points of defence and counterclaim and entering final judgment for the plaintiff, Kleinwort Benson Ltd. for E166,479.65 with interest of

LORD JUSTICE EVANS said the council's obligation was to refund or repay the amount it had received and which it was unjust it should keep. It was inconsistent with the principle of repayment to give the concept of loss in this type of case a wider meaning equivalent "overall losses on the

Inner House

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Outer House

Power to allow discontinuance of treatment of insensate patient

Lord Advocate and Another Before the Lord President (Lord Hope of Craighead). Lord Wylie, Lord Cullen, Lord Clyde and Lord

Milligan (Judgment March 22)

The Court of Session had power, in the exercise of the Sovereign's authority as parens partiae, to authorise a medical practitioner to discontinue life-sustaining treat-ment that was being provided to a patient who was permanently unconscious and insensate. Whether or not such authority should be granted depended upon whether or not it was in the best interests of the patient that his or her life be prolonged by the continuance of the treatment.

The Inner House of the Court of Session, sitting as a court of five judges, so held: (i) giving guidance to the Lord Ordinary (Lord Carneron of Lochbroom) in an action of declarator brought by the Law Hospital NHS Trust against the Lord Advocate and the curator ad item to X, a patient at the hospital. which, after evidence had heard and findings in fact had heen made by the Lord Ordinary. had been reported by him to the Inner House, and (ii) returning the cause to the Lord Ordinary with an instruction to put it out by order for a discussion as to further proce-dure in the light of the ruling of the

Miss Lynda Clark, QC and Mr Jonathan Brodie for the pursuers: Lord Mackay of Drumadoon, QC. Lord Advocate and Mr Gerard Moynihan for the Crown; Mr Colin McEachran, QC and Miss Nikola Stewart for the patient's curator ad litem.

THE LORD PRESIDENT said that the patient had been in a persistent vegetative state for at least three years. There was no prospect of any improvement in

her condition.

She remained alive only because feeding and hydration were provided to her artificially and because of the nursing care that she continued to receive. Her consultant physician and three consultant neurologists considered her position to be hopeless and that there were no useful avenues of treatment to explore.

Her next of kin had agreed that life-sustaining and medical treat-ment should be discontinued. The patient herself, however, was unable to give her consent.

Function of the court A medical practitioner who acted or omitted to act with the consent of his patient required no sanction from the court. The patient's consent rendered lawful what would otherwise be

unlawful. The problems arose where the patient was not of full age or lacked capacity to consent to what was being proposed. The question whether it would be lawful to cease to provide treatment could not be left to the medical profession, for it was a matter for the law, and had to be decided by the courts so long as there was no declaration on the

matter by Parliament. The law became relevant to the process of decision-making because a breach of duty was a delict which might give rise to a liability in damages. A deliberate

might also expose the medica practitioner to the allegation that his conduct was criminal.

A doctor was entitled to be told whether his conduct would expose him to the risk of an action of damages, and he could not ignore the risk that a prosecution might follow for murder or culpable

The proposed declarator The first objection to the declarator sought was that it was unnecessary because the Court of Session retained a jurisdiction on behalf of the Sovereign as parens natriae to authorise treatment or withdrawal of treatment on behalf of a person who was incapable of giving authority.

lacked a contradictor. Third, it was argued that the declarator that was sought was too wide because it invited the court to issue a declaration as to whether or not the proposed conduct was a crime, whereas that was a matter within the exclusive jurisdiction of

the High Court of Justiciary. In relation to the second objection. in Macnaughton v Macnaughton's Trs (1953 SC 387. 392) Lord Justice-Clerk Thomson had said that the courts had "no concern with hypothetical, premature or academic questions, nor do they exist to advise litigants as to the policy which they should adopt in the ordering of their affairs. The courts are neither a debuting club nor an advisory bureau see also Russian Commercial and Industrial Bank v British Bank for Foreign Trade Ltd ([1921]

AC 438, 448) per Lord Dunedin. In the present case there was no live controversy between the pursuers and any other party about the legal consequences of the withdrawal of treatment. Nevertheless, the purpose of a declarator would be to give guidance and reassurance to the pursuers and to

the patient's medical practitioner. There was no doubt that there was a live practical issue for them, because it was clear that without guidance, they would not feel able to discontinue the treatment. The risks to which they would otherwise be exposed were too great, and were not diminished by the fact that the patient's curator ad litem had said it was in her best

interests to continue her treatment. The third objection bore on the fact that the proposed declarator implicitly asserted that the conduct was not only not a breach of duty according to civil law, but was also

not a crime.

There was some merit in the proposal that their Lordships should follow the House of Lords in Airedale NHS Trust v Bland ([1993] AC 789) and authorise the Lord Ordinary to make a declaration about the criminality or otherwise of the proposed conduct as well as its civil law consequences, since from a practical point of view the two issues were closely related.

If it was necessary for the court to resolve the issue of criminal law in order to decide whether a party was entitled to some other civil remedy, then that would be within its competence. But a bare declarator that a proposed course of conduct was or was not criminal

regard to the operation of the criminal law, which lay beyond the jurisdiction of their Lordships' COUTL.

It would be undesirable for the Court of Session to attempt to define what did or did not amount to criminal conduct unless that was essential in order to decide an issue which a party had an interest to raise in the court. There were strong reasons of policy for leaving the definition of criminal conduct to the criminal courts. A declaration by their Lordships would not be binding on the High Court of Justiciary or on the Lord Advocate. A further point was that, while an appeal lay to the House of Lords from the Court of Session, no appeal was competent from the Second, it was said that the High Court of Justiciary. The action was incompetent because it terms of the proposed declarator would have accordingly to be amended to make it clear that it

> civil law consequences of the proposed conduct The parens patriae jurisdiction in the case of Bland regret had been expressed that the ancient prerogative parens patriae juris-diction to protect the persons and property of those who were unable o do so for themselves was no longer exercisable by the English court because of the revocation of

was given in regard only to the

the Warrant of April 10, 1956, on the coming into force in England and Wales of the Mental Health Act 1959. It was clear that the law of Scotland had from an early stage recognised that the Sovereign, as recognised that the Sovereign, as parens patriae, was the natural and legal guardian of children under full age and of the insane: see Fraser Parent & Child (3rd edtn. p651): Erskine I. 7. & Stair I. 6. 11: Craig Ius Feudale ((1603) ii.20.8): Balfour Practicks ((1583) e354.40)

n254, c19). The Sovereign's powers were exercised in the Court of Exchequer, the jurisdiction of which had subsequently been vested in the Court of Session by section 1 of the Exchequer Court (Scotland) Act

In his Lordship's opinion, that jurisdiction was available to be exercised in the present case. because the patient was plainly incapable of taking any decisions in her own interest: see E (Mrs) v Eve ((1986) 2 SCR 383): In re B (a Minor) (Wardship: Sterilisation) (1988) 1 AC 199, 211H); In the matter of a Ward of Court ((1995) 2

ILRM 401). There was no precedent for the exercise of the jurisdiction by way of granting authority, as opposed to appointing a tutor-dative, but in the present circumstances the appointment of a tutor-dative was unnecessary, because if authority were granted, there would be no continuing duties for a tutor to perform.

The logical and correct course would be for the court to grant its own authority to the medical practitioner to discontinue treatment. Authorisation in the exercise of that jurisdiction would have the same effect in law as if consent had been given by the patient. Test to be applied In L v I's Curator ad litem (The

being proposed. Lord MacLean

what was oronosed was in her bes interests was the correct test to be applied: see also In re F (Mental patient: Sterilisation) [1990] 2 AC 1): Bland: in the Matter of a Ward Court: Frenchay Healthcare NHS Trust v S ([1994] 1 WLR 601).

In his Lordship's opinion the court should approve of the application of that test both in those circumstances and in cases such as the present.

However, it was necessary to give further guidance to the Lord Ordinary as to how that broad test is to be applied to the facts of the present case. The question for him was whether he should grant a declarator, which would be unnecessary in future cases, and whether, in the exercise of the power which their Lordshins would give him in the exercise of the parens patriae jurisdiction, he should authorise what was pro-

posed to be done. The issue in respect of both matters was the same; whether it was in the patient's best interests that her life should be prolonged by the continuance of the lifesustaining and medical treatment that she currently received.

It seemed to his Lordship that on the facts of the case there could almost certainly be only one answer to that question. None the less, Mr McEachran still wished to present argument to the Lord Ordinary that it was in the ward's best interests that the treatment should continue.

If it was possible to say that the reatment could be of any benefit, then no doubt there would be a balancing exercise to be done in order to assess whether it was in her best interests that it should be discontinued. But if it could not be of any benefit to her, then there were no longer any best interests to

e served by continuing it. That was to view the question of best interests negatively, but the test could properly be applied in that way in the light of the medical evidence in the case. His Lordship could see no relevant distinction between the way in which the underlying principle was applied in the case of Bland and the question which had now to be

decided. In Bland Lord Keith of Kinkel. having noted that it was perhaps permissible to say that to an individual with no cognitive capacity whatever, and with no prospect of ever recovering any such capac-ity in this world, it had to be a matter of complete indifference whether he lived or died, had considered whether the principle of the sanctity of life required that the treatment should be continued. Lord Keith had concluded that it did no violence to the principle to hold that it was lawful to cease to give treatment to such a patient, considering that treatment in-

compelling.

His Lordship agreed also with Lord Goff of Chieveley when in the same case (at pp869B-E) he had Times March 19, 1990) where a said that in this class of case there ward's surgical sterilisation was was in reality no weighing operation to be performed and that in

volved invasive manipulation of

the patient's body to which he had

not consented and which conferred no benefit upon him (see pp858D

and 859D-E). His Lordship found

termination.

Lord Wylie, Lord Cullen, Lord Clyde and Lord Milligan delivered concurring opinions. Law agents: Mr R. F. Mac-donald, WS; Solicitor to the Sec-

Law Hospital NHS Trust v Lord Advocate and Another Before Lord Cameron of

retary of State for Scotland; Anderson Strathern, WS.

[Judgment April 24] Where a hospital patient was permanently unconscious and insensate, and it was no longer possible to suggest that the continuance of medical treatment was of any benefit to her, there were no longer any best interests to be served by continuing such treatment, and the court would

grant authority to discontinue it. Lord Cameron of Lochbroom sitting in the Outer House of the Court of Session, so held in an action of declarator brought by the Law Hosnital NHS Trust against the Lord Advocate and the curator ad litem to X, a patient at the hospital, following upon the return of the cause to his Lordship by the inner House with an instruction to put it out by order for a discussion as to further procedure in the light of the opinions of the judges in the Inner House given on March 22.

Miss Lynda Clark, QC and Mr Jonathan Brodie for the pursuers; Lord Mackay of Drumadoon, QC, Lord Advocate and Mr Gerard Moynihan for the Crown; Mr Colin McEachran, QC and Miss Nikola Stewart for the patient's curator ad litem.

LORD CAMERON said that since the action had been heard before the Inner House, the conclusion of the summons had been amended so that the declarator sought had regard only to the civil law consequences of the proposed course of action. The Lord Advocate had also

taken the opportunity to issue a statement of policy anent prosecutions that would apply to cases where authority for such a course of action to be undertaken by a responsible body or person had been sought from and granted by There remained for decision the question of whether the declarator

sought should be pronounced and

authority as craved be granted.

The test to be applied was that set out in the opinions in the Inner Counsel for the curator ad litem for the patient opposed the declarator and order that were sought. The pursuers had stated that the curator's view as to where the balance lay was a personal one and was not consistent with that expressed by the independent medical witness instructed by the

Counsel for the curator pointed

out that the opinion of another of

issue there remained substantial

Lord Keith's reasoning the medical witnesses appeared in the evidence to have been influenced by his own personal viewpoint in regard to the moral and ethical considerations. He further submitted that in the area of medical science that was in

state of matters the cour should not reach a decision that might on one view be said to bring a life to a close prematurely.

His Lordship had to act within the limits of the evidence that had been led. The medical evidence in the case had recognised those uncertainties. It was in the light of those uncertainties that the patient had been the subject of unremitting, conscientious and skilful cal and nursing care over the

past four years or more. The opinions that had been expressed by the medical witnesses as to her present condition had been expressed in the knowledge of and having regard to the careful and authoritative guidance given

Where in the opinion of the court those uncertainties had been recognised and fully taken into account, the court could not shirk from granting a remedy which in law it was competent for it to grant. To fail to do so would be a dereliction of the court's function

and duty, which it was required, in

the absence of any declaration on

the matter by Parliament, to carry

In the present case his Lordship was satisfied on the evidence and the facts that he had taken from it, that it was no longer possible to suggest that the continuance of the treatment which was presently being administered, and had for some considerable time past been

condition in which she was permaneptly insensate, was of any bene-

That being so, there were no longer any best interests to be served by continuing such

In those circumstances his Lordship would grant declarator in the terms now sought and, further, his Lordship would pronounce the order authorising discontinuance of such treatment in the terms and to the effect proposed by the

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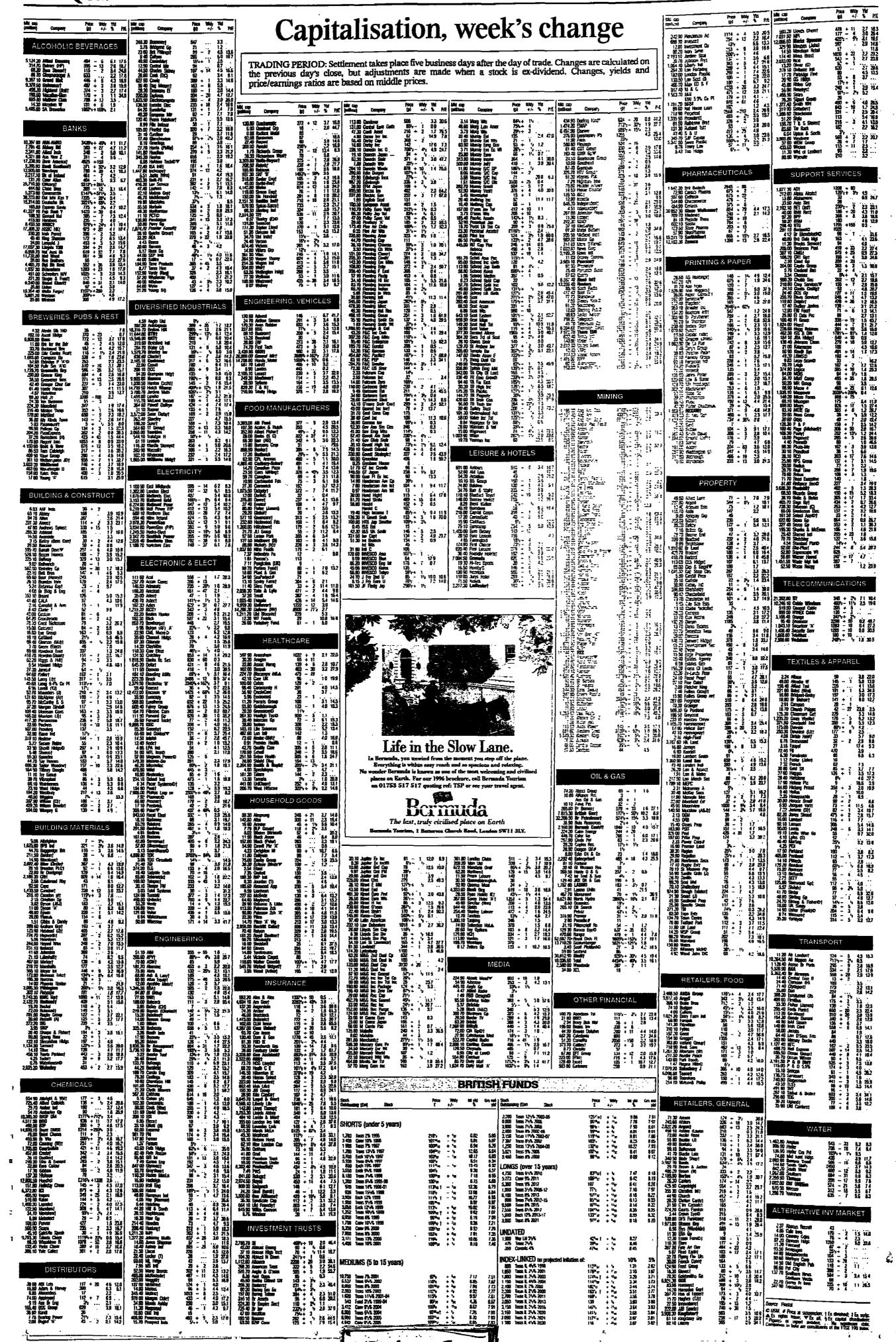
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BA likely to fly sharply higher

BRITISH AIRWAYS: A steadily increasing number of passengers is expected to help the selfproclaimed "world's favourite airline" to offset soaring costs and fly sharply higher with a humper set of full-year profits when it reports today.

British Airways, which is headed by Sir Colin Marshall, the chairman, and Bob Ayling, chief executive, may have had its wings clipped by soaring costs, but passenger traffic climbed by a healthy 9.8 per cent and price increases were implemented during what most analysts agree has

been a great year for airlines. Richard Hannah, an analyst at UBS, is looking for final pre-tax profits to advance to E580 million. compared with £452 million last time before the write-down of El25 million at USAir, the struggling airline in which British Airways holds a stake of 25 per cent. A dividend payment of 13.5p, compared with 12.4p, is predicted.

Attention will focus on current trading and prospects as well as any news on British Airways next phase of globalisation. Analysts will be particularly keen to hear any news following recent market speculation about a possible tie-up agreement with American Airlines, whether it be through some kind of stake or a pooling of

BASS: A poor performance from its leisure division is likely to act as a drag on interim figures that are due out Wednesday. At the time of the annual meeting in February, the group, of which Sir Ian Prosser is chairman and chief executive, gave a warning that profits from its leisure operations would be down on the year because of a combination of events.

Conditions are likely to have improved since then, with its bingo interests stabilising after a period that has seen a large part of its market eroded by the introduction of the National Lottery. Coral, its bookmaking business, is also expected to have improved, helped by the onset of better weather.

Matthew Navior, of Williams de Broe, the broker, has pencilled in pre-tax profits of £280 million, against £263 million last time. with the dividend forecast to grow 8 per cent to 7.7p.

Mr Navlor expects

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Sir Ian Prosser, of Bass, a front-runner to buy Allied Domecq's Carlsberg-Tetley operation

mance to that of last year, with an increase in new units of 5 per cent in North America and 10 per cent in Europe.

Brewing should have benefited from the introduction of new products such as Caffreys Irish beer and Hooch, the controversial alcoholic lemonade, but margins generally will remain under pressure in a difficult market. Trading in its pub chain has been encouraging.
Mr Naylor says that Bass

remains a front-runner to buy the troubled Carlsberg-Tetley operation of Allied Domeca, which he estimates could generate savings of £80 million a year.

MARKS & SPENCER: The Inns to produce a similar perfor- group's attempts to breach the further growth. The group gener- to expectations. This prompted Europe.

will feel, the retail financial

sector still believes that people

one billion pound mark for the first time are likely to fall short of the mark when full-year figures are unveiled tomorrow.

Nick Bubb, retail analyst at Mees Peirson, is forecasting final pre-tax profits at Marks & Spencer of £990 million, compared with £930 million last time. The dividend should grow from 10.3p

The company will no doubt try to dispel any suggestions from brokers that its womens' fashion business has been struggling to make headway during a difficult

The star performer is likely to be the food retailing side, which will be unaffected by the food price war and will have enjoyed ally should have benefited from the gradual pick-up in consumer demand in spite of the poor weather and maintaining a tough line with its suppliers is likely to mean few problems when it comes to de-stocking.

STOREHOUSE: The recent recovery in the group's fortunes has been clearly reflected in the share price. But when the group reports full-year figures on Thursday. there could be signs that the recovery is starting to run out of

The first cracks began appearing in February at the time of the annual meeting when the group gave a warning that profits at Mothercare would fail to live up

time. Brokers will no doubt want to establish the current state of play at Mothercare. The dividend is expected to rise from 6.3p to 7.1p.

below the EHO million, with Nick

Bubb forecasting £107 million, compared with £91 million last

COURTAULDS: Margin pressures from raw material prices and adverse weather in the United States are widely expected to take a toll on full-year profits at the international chemicals and fibres group when it reports on

Final pre-tax profits are fore-cast to fall to £130 million, compared with £151.1 million, according to Jeremy Chantry, of Kleinwort Benson. A dividend of lop, as against

15.4p, is predicted. With weak demand for fibres, attention will focus on current trading and future prospects, especially as raw material prices have started to rise again. The benefits of cutting costs should also start to come through, especially on the coatings side of the

CABLE AND WIRELESS: Another solid performance from its Hongkong Telecom subsidiary will be the driving force behind an anticipated profits advance at Cable and Wireless, which last week announced the appointment of Dick Brown as its eagerly-awaited new chief

The company will no doubt insist that it is far too early to provide any indication of future changes of strategy as a result of the appointment.

Interest in Thursday's full-year results will therefore focus on the performance of Mercury and evidence of a continuing turnround of overseas start-ups.

Mark Lambert, of NatWest Securities, is looking for normalised final pre-tax profits to advance to £1.23 billion, compared with £1.14 billion, giving earnings of 25.9p, as against 23.6p a share. A dividend of 9.9p, compared with 9.05p. predicted.

The figures exclude a £200 million exceptional profit on the sale of the group's stake in a German cellular licence and a £120 million write-off in Eastern

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Rates pointer in M4 growth

BRITISH economic statistics due this week will help to flesh out what is happening in the consumer sector of the economy, which is being relied on so heavily by the Treasury to hit its 3 per cent growth forecast this year.

April figures for building society mort-

gage lending and approvals are due tomor-row along with the latest reading for M4 money supply. Money supply is expected to have risen by 0.7 per cent in April, taking its year-on-year growth rate to more than 10 per cent and providing another argument against lower interest rates.

Retail sales figures for April are due on Thursday and are expected to show growth of about 0.5 per cent in the month, compared with the very small increase of 0.2 per cent in March. Year-on-year growth in sales is expected to remain at March's 2.2 per cent. Thursday also sees the second estimate of first-quarter economic growth. The first estimate put growth in gross domestic product at 0.4 per cent and this is not expected to change. The consumer spending component of GDP is expected to have risen by 0.7 per cent, a modest acceleration from the 0.5 per cent recorded in both the third and fourth quarters last year.

Friday sees the latest monthly trends survey from the Confederation of British Industry, as well as provisional figures for capital spending and stocks for the first quarter. The stocks figures are particularly keenly awaited, given the huge build-up of stocks last year that added to GDP and could depress growth this year as those stockpiles are gradually run down.

Other points of interest this week are German M3 money supply figures for April, keenly watched as an influence on the Bundesbank's interest rate policy. The rate of growth of M3 is expected to ease to below Il per cent from 12.3 per cent in March. Bundesbank officials have emphasised that they will not make any further decisions on German rates until they can look closely at April's money-supply figures.

In addition, the Federal Open Market Committee meets in America tomorrow to discuss interest rates. The markets are no longer so concerned about the possibility of a US rate rise because of recent benign inflation figures.

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SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: Buy Delphi, Railtrack, Forth Ports, Bass. The Sunday Telegraph: Buy Ockham Holdings, Waverley Mining: Sell Land

Securities. Independent on Sunday: Buy Cable and Wireless: Sell Wolverhampton & Dudley. The Mail on Sunday: Buy Mulberry, Television Corporation; Sell Manchester United.

Deals threaten financial services jobs

By Marianne Curphey

AT LEAST 80,000 jobs will be lost in financial services within the next five years as a wave of mergers and acquisitions irrevocably changes the face of the industry.

According to research conducted among leading banks. building societies and insurance companies in the UK. most of the redundancies will be among middle managers. A number of leading com-

panies have already announced cuts. Royal Insurance and Sun Alliance have told staff that 4.000 jobs will go in the UK when the two insurers merge later this year. and, in February, Scottish Widows, the fifth largest UK life office, announced a nationwide cost-cutting exercise that will cost 700 jobs. Unions

anticipate further job losses when building societies demutualise and convert to banks, or merge.

About 735,000 people are employed in the financial services industry, according to the COBA Group, the strategic consultant that conducted the survey. Of these, about 100,000 work in building societies, 270,000 in insurance and a further 365,000 in banks.

Graham Gould, COBA Group partner, said: "We are going through a huge period of change, and those companies who fail to recognise this will be left behind, or may not even exist. It is middle managers who will feel the real pain. However, middle managers give focus to junior staff and if they are removed there is a real danger that organisations will not be manimportant drivers of success in the future, he said. aged properly." In spite of the Mr Gould believes that sucjob insecurity that employees

cess will come from value-formoney, easy-access products that are simple to understand. factors — customer focus, good-quality managment and He cites the growth of Direct Line and Virgin products, staff - are among the most which are all three.

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Post Office employee relations under fire

By Philip Bassett, industrial editor

POST OFFICE managers will acknowledge this week that the Post Office is now in a cycle of perpetual industrial action", though they will also attack senior management for requiring frontline managers to not tell the full truth about

employment changes.

The public acknowledgement of poor employee rela-tions comes amid a strike ballot among postal workers. If action is taken, it will be the first national strike in the Post Office for nearly a decade.

Senior management is sig-nalling that more money is available in the Royal Mail's dispute with the Communication Workers' Union over pay, practices. However, no moves are likely to be made towards fresh talks until after the union declares the result of the ballot among its 140,000 postal workers at the beginning of

next month. After the rejection of the Royal Mail's Employee Agenda package by the CWU's postal executive, some CWU leaders are hoping executive elections — to be declared before the strike ballot result is known — might change the complexion of the union's postal executive, allowing talks with Royal Mail man-

agement to begin. Before that, frontline Post Office managers will this week make clear their strong feelings about the possibility of a strike, and about the poor state of employee relations in the Post Office

At the annual conference of the Communication Managers' Association, which opens

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today in Eastbourne, Post Office managers will declare their concerns about the prospect of a strike by postal

A document for the associa-tion's debate on the Royal Mail's Employee Agenda package, and its management equivalent, the Agenda for Leadership, says that it is "impossible to ignore the Roy-al Mail's appalling industrial disputes record, which is by far the worst in the country".

Calculations suggest that one sixth of all working days through strikes throughout Britain in the past year have been lost in the Post Office. Terry Deegan, the CMA's general secretary, is expected to say tomorrow that the Post Office is now in "a cycle of virtually perpetual industrial action, or at least the threat of it. That cannot be right. There must be a better way of working". Postal workers' leaders are

opposing the Post Office's proposals for teamworking, and while managers are com-mitted to the principle of teamworking, they accept that some believe it will lead to job

The CMA's document also makes it clear that operational managers are unhappy about what they have had to tell postal workers about the senior management's Employee Agenda proposals. It says that the "Royal Mail has, in some instances, reduced the credibility of frontline managers by requiring them to disseminate incomplete information".

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Henley study shows value of risk-taking

HIGH-FLYING managers are willing to take risks, combined with a "fierce" competitive streak, and see their earnings race ahead of less successful managers, according to a Henley Man-

agement College study.

The study tracked a sample of 100 managers over seven years. Apart from risk-taking, high-flyers plan well, manage staff properly, are able to motivate others, and generally are poor losers. Managers at the start of the study were earning £29,000 on average, while the average salary now of the study sample is £51,900.

Virgin takes on life insurers By Caroline Merrell

VIRGIN DIRECT, the finan-cial services arm of Richard Branson's Virgin Group, is panies, such as Legal & General, HSBC, and Fidelity have been forced to cut their hoping to imitate the success of its personal equity plan opera-tion with the launch of a lowcharges to try to match Virgin. The company now has £325 million under management. cost life insurance company. Customers of the new life insurer will initially be offered

The life company will initially target the 70,000 people who have taken out Peps with Virgin Direct, but will follow this up with a full launch on June 9. It aims to take on 20,000 new policyholders over the next year by offering the cheapest rates in the market. The products will be sold via the telephone.

The Pep company, which was launched just over a year ago, has made a significant impact on the fund management industry. Many com-

last week was Thomas Potts,

income protection policies, or permanent health insurance policies, because they felt they carried too many exclusion

Virgin's entrance in to this market is likely to increase the pressure on the more traditional life insurers. Many of personal pensions.

There has already been a

the established companies are reporting sharp declines in business volumes because of a series of scandals including the mis-selling of thousands of

spate of rationalisations in the industry, including the takeover of Provident Mutual by General Accident, and the merger of Sun Alliance with Royal Life. Virgin Life could be the catalyst for a

M&S ends cash-back on in-store cards

By Patricia Tehan, Banking correspondent

MARKS & SPENCER will since last autumn. M&S today abandon cash-back fa- would do so only on the cilities on its in-store understanding that it would Chargecard and Budgetcard. The retailer had been running a trial in all its stores

a range of four life products — three types of life insurance and a critical illness plan

linked to income protection.

Rowan Gormley, Virgin Dir-

ect managing director, said: We designed the product

range by asking the customers

what they wanted. They were

not interested in endowment-

type products which mix in-

stments with protection."

showed that many people

would not take out traditional

He also said that research

since last October, soon after it started offering cash-back facilities to customers using bank debit cards. However, it found there was insufficient demand to justify continuing

M&S had been notoriously reluctant to accept bankcards. It finally agreed to accept debit cards last year and has been taking them in all its stores

also be able to provide cashback to its customers throughout the stores, making it the only clothes retailer to do so.

M&S said that there was little demand for the service. "Because there were so few people using it, staff were not used to using it and did not become efficient at doing it." Although the retailer made the service available, it did not publicise it widely.

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GILT-EDGED

Market makes too much of inflation risk

gained some ground, but have still lagged most other European markets since the start of this year. Bears have feasted on disappointing RPI data and rising political uncertainties, while the UK's opt-out and public hostility to EMU have excluded the UK from the recent "convergence" rally.

Gilt yields include a sizeable premium for these risks. with relatively high real yields compared with other markets. However, these risks are exaggerated. Inflation is set to fall this year and to stay low in 1997. Fiscal policy is likely to stay tight regardless of the general election result and whether or not the UK joins any move to EMU. As market perception of these risks diminishes, the gilt/bund spread is likely to fall to about 150 basis points in coming months. Spreads may fall much further if a

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my will be capped by weakness in inventories and exports. Moreover, policy is not loose enough to prompt a boom. Fiscal policy is tight, and real short rates are about 3 per cent, similar to their long-run norm. If, as seems likely, base rates stay stable this year, real rates will rise as inflation falls. Consumers' willingness to go on a binge is also likely to be inhibited by high debts, low job security and the need to save to offset erosion of welfare benefits.

have largely been saved. The recent surge in M4 overstates the economy's momentum. Takeovers and gilt repos have boosted deposits held by non-bank financial institutions — mainly life and pension funds plus securities dealers. The surge in these institutions' deposits accounted for nearly half of last year's M4 rise, but has little significance for the real economy. Deposits held by households and non-financial companies have risen more modestly. and their growth is still consistent with a low-infla-

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A modest pick-up in growth will not stop inflation

tion scenario.

falling below 2.5 per cent this year. Lead guides to inflation. such as input prices, output prices and survey measures of manufacturers' price expectations, all point lower. The CBI reports low levels of skilled labour shortages, and household inflation expecta-tions are subdued. Wage deals have been stable at 3.5 per cent since autumn.

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Fiscal policy is unlikely to derail this low-inflation out-look, either before or after an election. Opinion polls sug-gest that voters do not trust the Tories on tax. Hence, any tax cuts in this year's Budget will be limited by the need to ensure that they are sustainable. A big net fiscal give-away would produce little political gain because voters would fear that - as in 1992 – taxes would rise again after

A Labour government would also be in this fiscal

strait-jacket. desire for a choice on iointo EMU is a powerful constraint. Even cal plans, the

will probably exceed 3.5 per cent of GDP in 1997. The UK could probably scrape into EMU with such a deficit, but there is no room for fiscal slippage.

Indeed, if it wins by a big majority, Labour may quick-hy tighten fiscal policy further via spending cuts and/or new "green" taxes to deal conclusively with the fiscal problem. Markets charge such a big premium for fiscal risks that cautious stance can yield sizeable benefits via lower long-term interest rates and reduced pressure for higher short rates. Hence, fiscal caution would probably not slow the real economy, while savings on debt service would help the fiscal numbers. President Clinton's tightening of fiscal policy after his election has been followed by reasonable economic growth, relatively low short- and longterm rates and, now, a big opinion poll lead. If Labour also takes a tough fiscal line, market perceptions would be transformed and the gilt/bund spread could plummet to 100 basis points or so in the next couple of years.

MICHAEL SAUNDERS Salomon Brothers

ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT MARKET

Israeli high-tech company online

for ratios that are both com- Dmatek, an Israeli security fortable and sustainable." He firm trading on the AIM, had added that there are about 200 Israeli businesses due to come to the market in the next few years. "When Israelis choose a global trading base, proximity seems to be a major factor. Israelis feel more comfortable trading somewhere closer to home."

David Abrahams, a dealer Winterflood Securities, said the performance of been disappointing, but added that the multimedia sector had good growth potential.

He said: "The AIM is attracting more foreign companies, but I would guard against it becoming a dumping ground for companies that can't make it on overseas exchanges. If they don't want them there, we don't want them here."

AIM's strongest performer

the printing company whose shares were were placed at 5p on Tuesday. They immediately rose to 10p, where they stayed for the rest of the week. Epic Multimedia, the larg-

Europe, starts trading soon via a placing by Henry Cook at 105p. Analysts are expecting the shares to reach premiums of between 20p and 25p. A total of 150 companies are now trading on AIM, which finished the week's trading with a total market capitalisation of £3.11 billion.

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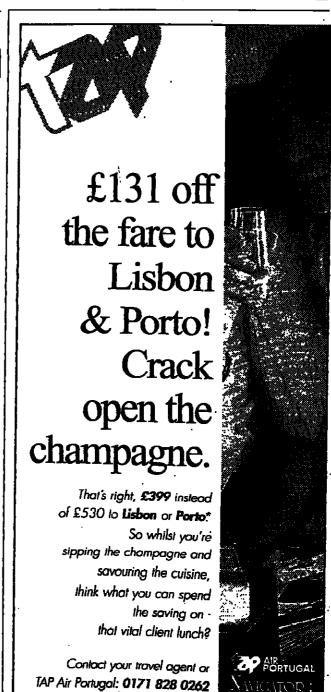
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(a) The white Egyptian vulture, or a vulture belonging to the same genus. The ornithonym of a man transformed into a vulture in the Metamorphoses of Antoninus Liberalis, adopted as a generic name by Savigny. "A tame neophron, kept at the public slaughter-house at Malaga."

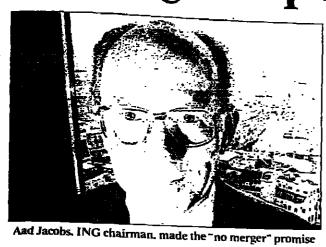
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BUSINESS NEWS

Barings corporate finance arm gets self-rule pledge



BY PATRICIA TEHAN BANKING CORRESPONDENT

ING, the Dutch banking group that bought Barings from the administrators last year, has given its word that it will not attempt to merge its corporate finance business with a securities

The Dutch bank is bucking the trend in deciding against building a European integrated investment banking operation. ING, which is chaired by And Jacobs, gave the commitment to Baring Brothers, the Barings corporate finance arm, at the end of last year when it approved a strategic plan proposed by the corporate finance

Talking about the plan for the first time, James Moon, a director of Baring Brothers, said that by approving the plan. ING agreed to "a self-governing. self-managing, self-regulating unit". This meant agreeing to the future of Baring Brothers as an independent corporate advisory business.

Simon Borrows, joint head of corpo-

rate finance at Baring Brothers, said: We suggested that the absolute returns to the shareholder and returns on capital would be extremely attractive from such a business. We proved that last year and we are proving it again this year. Last year Barings topped the merg-

ers and acquisitions league, advising Lloyds Bank on its merger with

Trustee Savings Bank and Sconish Power on its offer for Manweb.

This year it has advised Cable and Wireless on its merger talks with BT, and is advising Royal Insurance on the proposed merger with Sun Alliance.

Under the new strategic plan. Baring Brothers set up 12 new industry groups, bringing industry specialists together with bankers. It positioned itself as an independent advisory business. Mr Borrows said: "Part of the strategy was that we would not be distracted into building up a securities business in London."

Baring Brothers International was incorporated as a separate legal entity. whose directors are the corporate finance directors. This, said Mr Borrows, "underlined the fact that we are an independent group", and that there were Chinese walls between the corporate finance arm and the rest of the ING group, including the Far Eastern securities business.

He went on: "We thought that trying to integrate with the backdrop of the collapse did not seem to us to offer the benefits that would outweigh the risks in terms of culture and in terms of

The corporate finance business has its own profit-sharing arrangement with ING which, said Mr Borrows, makes it easier to attract and retain staff as "it is not subject to the volatility of the securities business".

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Growth and jobs top agenda at OECD meeting

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

THE ministerial meeting of its own role as part of an the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development in Paris this week will again have the related challenges of promoting growth and creating jobs at the top of its agenda. It will also discuss some of the key trade issues likely to come up at the meeting of the World Trade Organisation in Singapore in

The group, which now represents an expanding number of countries the world regarded as industrialised, 27 at the

ongoing review among world leaders of international institutions such as the OECD, the International Monetary Fund and the plethora of organisations under the umbrella of the United Nations.

Britain believes the OECD is a useful forum for discussions of economic and technical issues and is a useful source of analysis on these issues. One example is the research carried out by the OECD into issues of competition and labour markets, en-

Target of 3% growth 'unlikely to be met'

By Janet Bush

one in four chance of achieving its 3 per cent growth forecast this year, according to the National Institute of Economic and Social Research, a leading economic think-tank.

In its latest economic review, published today, the institute says it believes that growth will slow marginally 🗅 per cent compared with 2.5 per cent in 1995. But it sees growth accelerating to 3.5 per cent in 1997. It argues that there is little evidence of any domestically generated inflationary pressure and that the underlying rate of inflation should drift

THE Government has only a down to 25 per cent by the year's end.

However, inflation should pick up in 1997 in response to stronger consumer demand. and the chances of hitting the 2.5 per cent or lower inflation target would be less than 50/50 unless it raised interest rates. It recommends a combination of monetary and fiscal

demand picks up. The institute also says large pre-election tax cuts would be imprudent without cutting public spending, and the Government should even think of a tax rise to counteract the threat of too much consumer demand.

follow-up to which will be oublished at the meeting.

Jobs and growth will dominate the first session tomorrow. The OECD is expected broadly to endorse the usefulness of active labour market policies in cutting unemployment, preferring assistance in effective form of help, rather than ambitious, large-scale programmes. It is also expected to continue to give its support to more flexible labour markets, praising Britain in the process. Angela Knight. Economic Secretary to the Treasury, will be urging other industrialised nations to emulate Britain's drive towards flexibility

The second session of the meetings will concentrate on trade and investment issues. Britain is hoping to press for a new round of trade negotiations after the December meeting of the WTO as part of the broad objective of achieving global free trade by the year

It is expected that a report on trade and labour standards will be published. This was a major source of controversy at the Group of Seven jobs summit in Lille in April. The call for the enforcement of international labour standards, including the elimination of child labour.

The third session of the meeting on Wednesday will concentrate on the future of



Donald Cruickshank may propose that business customers be exempted from price caps

BT hopes for deal on **business** customers

By Carl Mortished

BRITISH TELECOM is hoping to strike a deal with Oftel, the telecommunications regu-lator, which would exempt business customers from a proposed new pricing regime.

The deal would mean price cuts for domestic customers. but allow BT free rein in the corporate market, where it faces stiff competition from

Mercury and AT&T. An agreement would also remove the threat of a referral by BT of the pricing formula to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Oftel's proposed pricing formula for 1997 and beyond is expected to be announced by the end of this

BT reacted positively to suggestions at the weekend that Donald Cruickshank, the telecoms regulator, intended to propose that business customers be exempted from price caps. BT said yesterday that the

proposed exemption of business customers was interesting, "We have been discussing various ways forward and we would be seeking to reach agreement. We have been arguing that the price restric-tions should be lifted where competition already determines the price."

In the City, BT has already lost half of the business market to rivals.

options relating to the price cap, currently set at 7.5 per cent below the rate of inflation. These include another round of four-year price controls, a shorter price control period. and restricting the services to which price controls apply.

Nationwide to sponsor football in £5m deal

Nationwide, the UK's second-biggest society, is poised to replace Endsleigh Insurance as a Football League sponsor. A £5 million deal is expected to be unveiled at next week-end's finals of the division-al play-offs. Endsleigh paid £3 million in 1993 for its three-year deal.

confirm the deal. A spokesman said: "We are a major organisation so, as you would expect, we do look at marketing and sponsor-ship opportunities."

CWS profits rise by 20%

CWS. Europe's largest cooperative organisation. has reported a 20 per cent increase in profits from trading operations to more than £52 million, and the best dividend payout to its member Co-ops for more than 40 years. Member Co-op societies pay out their profits, in turn, to the customers of their outlets. which include supermarkets, department stores, travel agencies and the UK's largest network of

funeral directors. Lennox Fyfe, CWS chairman. addressing its annual meeting in Manchester, described the results as another year of "robust profit performance".

Internet asset

British companies believe the information superhighway is coming. A survey commissioned by Barclays Bank reports that of 200 top UK companies, 81 per cent see the Internet as a business opportunity. with more than one third already having some type

A Barclays spokeswoman said: Most companies see it as a cost-effective form of communication between companies and a way of reaching new markets. It's relatively inexpensive to set up a site that millions worldwide and it will be interesting to see how businesses use and adapt to the system."

Hurricane conference

About 100 delegates from international insurance and reinsurance agencies draw up contingency plans for this summer's hurricane season, which, potentially, could cause damage worth \$100 billion.

The conference, the first of its kind, has been called by the United Nations Environment Programme and will look at ways to manage the growing environmental risks that insurers face, including climate change, global warming, and pollution cover.

Debt report

People in Scotland and the Midlands have more problems handling their personal and business affairs. while those in the South East have the most difficulties with credit-card debts. These findings emerge today in the fifth survey on personal insolvency from the Society of. Practitioners of Insolvency and Jardine Insolvency Insurance, and are based on a survey of more than 2,000 cases in 1995.

BA set for record bonuses

By Carl Mortished and Richard Thomson

STAFF at British Airways are expecting record bonuses to be declared when the airline announces a profits surge today. The City is forecasting BA's annual profits to rise to about £580 million. If the airline comes close to that figure, the profits gain will trigger a £100 million cash payout to BA's 55,000 staff.

British Airways staff are all eligible to take part in a profit sharing scheme which awards an extra week's pay for every E100 million of profit the company makes above a threshold level. The figure excludes gains from disposals and other exceptional items. but BA confirmed yesterday that if it meets the City forecasts it could be facing a bill for an extra four weeks pay, totalling £100 million.

The company sharply increased its staffing levels last year, contributing to a rise in

operating costs in the third quarter. After heavy reducnons in manning levels during the recession, BA found itself short-handed. But the airline has been investing more heavily in service and has taken on more staff to deal with customers.

Further developments are expected this week in talks hetween BA and American Airlines, the largest US carrier, on linking their ticketing and flight systems.

Officials from the two companies will meet in the next few days. Although some industry observers believe that BA may unveil the plans when it announces its annual results today, some analysts believe the discussions may not be far enough advanced.

The proposed link-up will also be discussed today in Washington by the chief aviation negotiators from Britain

and the US. An alliance between two such large airlines would raise considerable anti-trust and deregulation issucs for both countries.

The airlines are planning to link their ticket reservations and marketing systems and possibly integrate part of their flight networks. The alliance would create the largest airline grouping in the world. and one which would easily dominate the lucrative transatlantic routes.

The talks bring renewed problems for USAir as Robert Ayling, BA's chief executive. visits the company for a board meeting this week. An alliance with American could mean BA would dump its 25 per cent stake in USAir, which has halved in value since it was bought two years ago.

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Channel 5 may bring video upset

By Alasdair Murray

VIDEO retailers are anxiously awaiting the results of a trial next month which should show just how many homes will suffer video interference when Channel 5 launches next January. Retailers are worried that up to 3 million homes could be unable to use their videos during the vital Christmas period, wiping out about E60 million of business.

The problem arises because Channel 5 will broadcast at the same frequency as that used by video recorders. In: tial estimates had suggested about 9.6 million homes would suffer interference and Channel 5 had guaranteed to retune videos in 90 per cent of these homes as part of its licence conditions.

But a new estimate by NTL, the company responsible for broadcasting Channel 5, suggest that up to 12 million homes could be affectd, leaving more than 3 million homes without videos after January I. Channel 5 has said it will

with the retuning, but if the tests prove that the number is going to be considerably higher, the company could struggle to deal with the extra work.

Oxfam targets the rag trade

OXFAM, the charity, today kicks off a major campaign aimed at ending atrocious labour conditions, low pay and job insecurity for millions of garment industry workers around the world (Sarah Bagnall writes).

The charity is lobbying Britain's five biggest clothing retailers, including Marks & Spencer, Sears and Burton Group, to adopt a voluntary unde of conduct. Oxfam wants retailers to take responsibility for the actions of sub-contractors. The code includes a 48hour working week, no employment of children under 14 and no forced labour.

Rover leads way on China trade mission

along with Aerospatiale of

France and Alenia of Italy, is

at an advanced stage of talks

with China about developing a

100-seater jet. China is expect-

ed to make some aircraft

By Sarah Cunningham Closely watched will be: British Aerospace which,

THE 270-strong trade delega-tion to China, led by Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, will kick off business with the opening today of the first Land Rover outlet in the republic. The Rover Group said the

Peking outlet will give it a chance to test the potentially huge Chinese car market. Among announcements expected during the visit, which moves to Shanghai on Wednesday and ends in Hong Kong on Saturday, will be details of the investment plans for China of Zeneca, the drugs

and agrochemical group.

The mission, the largest British trade delegation ever to visit China, includes representatives from many of Britain's main companies, includ-ing GEC. Amec. ICI. Cable and Wireless and Lucas.



Heseltine: high-level talks

BAe is in the running.

Mr Heseltine is to hold talks with Jiang Zemin, the President, and Li Peng, the Prime Minister, who last month in France signed an order with Airbus, in which BAe has a 20 per cent share, for 33 aircraft.

orders in the near future and

"(don't think we are going to see anything in the league of the Airbus deal, but the British will certainly be hoping to exploit China's rift with the United States. a Western diplomat based in China said. Also as part of the visit, the

London Stock Exchange will hold a seminar in Peking in a bid to attract Chinese companies to list in London. The Stock Exchange hopes to sign a memorandum of understanding with the China Securities Regulatory Commission later this year.

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ofty ideas usually justify the base convenience of the mu-Iment. The new distaste for companies making party (as in Tory) political contributions is no different. For the entrepreneur, chairman or chief executive, a regular donation to the Conservative Party has long been a troublefree route to honours and an

for your business and shareholders. Now, it has become more trouble than it is worth. The new chairman of the CBI argues that corporate contributions to political parties are "not appropriate". Under the spotlight of full disclosure, the practice of public companies supporting one party looks doorned.

inexpensive way to open political

doors when needed to press the case

Sir Colin Marshall's suggestion that it would be better to make personal contributions was a practical point disguised as a moral one. When unearned income tax was levied at up to 98 per cent, it cost far less for a company to back its shareholders' perceived interests than for investors to do it themselves. With a 40 per cent top rate, there really is no need. If it were to return to 60 per cent or more, we would doubtless hear a different tune.

Other changes are more funda-mental. When the sugar industry was threatened with cut-price nationalisation, few doubted the right of Tate & Lyle to campaign in any way it could to avoid this happening, including helping Tories to be elected. More recently, the same was

the stiffer

says Sarah

chairman of Alitalia, Domenico Cempella, was by

contrast last week compelled

to say that he planned to cut 3,000 jobs and to warn that the

company might not survive

without drastic cost-cutting.

Alitalia is not alone: Christian

Blanc, Air France's chairman,

has also said that the company

is heading for disaster unless

British Airways, which ana-

Union members open up their

Boards hoist white flag of political convenience

true for the steel, shipbuilding and aircraft industries and their owners. Labour pledged to squeeze property developers until the pips squeaked. At one time, it was ideologically hostile to private housing, private ports and commercial television and was liable to control prices of beer. bread or rents. When Britain was the strike centre of Europe, it paid many businesses to avoid trade unions gaining more power from a Labour government.

Boards of directors are right to

defend their companies' direct commercial interests as opposed to backing some vague belief that one party is better for the economy. Political purity counts little with the receiver. But Labour has changed. Even the most sceptical know that new Labour would have little truck with traditional socialism. Many believe it would start with economic policies as sound as previous Labour governments have ended with. Even so, utilities face a £3 billion windfall" tax from Labour. Other

things being equal, they might legitimately and sensibly invest £3 million on behalf of their shareholders in the hope of a thousand-to-one political return. They will not,



because other things are not equal. At the most basic level, backing a losing Tory cause would do businesses no good with the incoming Labour government many of them expect. More importantly, the Conservatives have changed as much as Labour in their behaviour towards business, becoming more radical. Sir Colin's British Airways, a regular contributor to Tory coffers under Lord King, stopped writing the cheques when it found it was viewed as a nasty monopoly rather than a British champion of free enterprise.

Big brewers, legendary backers of the Tory cause, balked when their industry was torn apart in a

Airlines in for the long haul

theoretical attempt to attack monopoly, though it actually concentrated the industry in fewer hands. Construction companies, starved of orders by embargoes on public infrastructure projects, reckon they could not be worse off under Labour.

Ideologically blinkered govern-ments tend to be bad for business whether they are of left or right. Privatised companies, which are among the biggest and most ex-posed to party politics, do not know which way to turn. British Gas shareholders who invested at the 1986 privatisation now find themselves in an amazing position after radical Tory intervention. They would have been better off if Labour had fulfilled its threat to renationalise at the issue price a year later.

companies fail to back the Tories, or switch to Labour instead. The nature of shareholding has changed. Many traditional top contributors were family controlled or still run by a founder who could safely count on outside investors to share private enterprise convictions. Mass share ownership brought in millions of Labour and Liberal Democrat supporters. For most big

That is not, however, why such

companies, domination by nameless institutional shareholders acting on behalf of nameless beneficiaries has changed the rules. Like most lazy managers. City investors seek to simplify their role to that of pure, amoral economic agent and to transfer that outlook to the companies they invest in. It is not their job to worry about employees, the environment or wider social or economic concerns.

From a practical point of view, the three wise monkeys avoided a lot of hassle. But their stance too has been elevated to an ethical theory, in which the fund managers' role is solely to maximise returns over the time horizon of their clients and thereby keep their jobs. The company's matching sole duty is to maximise returns to the shareholder over the same time horizon. In the most ideologically pure version. even charitable donations by companies are classed as theft from

In this Wall Street philosophy there is certainly no room for playing political games with shareholders' money. In the real world, it avoids fund managers having to answer awkward questions on how they vote the shares they control.

If Labour did win the election.

with the aid of big company abstentions, it would seek to change this culture to a more socially involved stakeholder economy. It would be interesting to see if this also revived the corporate political contribution.

needed

Lufthansa.

One of the heavily indebted

company's main problems has been huge labour costs, which

analysts estimate run at

around 30 per cent above those

of European competitors like

British Airways and

Europe's airlines is keeping

costs down," according to

Chris Tarry, airlines analyst

at Kleinwort Benson. While

Air France and Alitalia's need

to cut labour and operating

costs are obvious, British Air-

ways and Lufthansa have also

acknowledged its importance.

In the case of Lufthansa,

which has to deal with the

strength of the Deutschmark

and high German wages, it

has moved part of its billing to

India and its aircraft maintenance to Shannon in Ireland.

national carriers will increas-

ingly concentrate on long-haul

flights and rely on smaller

operators, or turn to franchi-

sees, to run the short-haul

services which they need to

feed passengers on to their

make money on the other side

of the cycle will be the ones

who do it soonest. For BA the

priority will be fighting its

corner against the companies like Lufthansa, which have had the foresight to enlist

memories of last year's rotten

batch wasting to the nostrils.

when guests were forced to

eat quail eggs instead. This

year, the Cancer Relief Mac-

millan Fund, which hopes to

raise £30,000 from the event,

is taking every precaution to

avoid similar humiliation. A

magician was first on the

transcontinental iets.

Analysts expect that the big

The key challenge for all of

Final test for know-alls

Masterbrain. Radio 4, 12.25pm.

The brains of four exceptionally knowledgeable men are not to be The brains of four exceptionally knowledgeable men are not to be allowed to rest beneath their laurel wreaths. Masterbrain guarantees that three of them will be suffering from slight concussion by Ipm. That three of them will be suffering from slight concussion by Ipm. Facing the ultimate test are the respective winners and runners-up of Radio 4's Brain of Britain and BBC I's Mastermind. They are lan Radio 4's Brain of Britain and BBC I's Mastermind. They are lan Kinlock and George Sheldrick (Brain of Britain) and Kevin Ashman Kinlock and George Sheldrick (Brain of Britain) and Kevin Ashman Henry Boettinger (Mastermind). They must answer questions about the road to war in Europe 1933-1939, the lives of Henry VI and Alexander Graham Bell. and World Cup football. The only thing we can be sure about is that quizmaster Robert Robinson will be his usual breezy and non-partisan self. usual breezy and non-partisan self.

Jelly Mountain. Radio 3, 8.55pm. Jelly Mountain. Radio 3, 8.55pm.

Thanks to Ivor Cutler, I nearly lost a good friend. I said that, as a writer of nonsense, he could be bracketed with Lewis Carroll, ethward Lear and Spike Milligan. My friend said Cutler was puerile, and she was surprised at me. Tempers and voices rose. A conciliatory chum arrived just in time. I rejoice at Cutler's return tonight, clonking pedal organ and all. "I spied a jelly mountain. I chased it to the sea. I waded in with a banana skin, and had it for my tea", he chants by way of prelude. Elsewhere a scruffy man who begs for an unreachable itch to be scratched unaccountably changes sex during the anecdote.

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RADIO 2

FM Stereo 6.00 Sarah Kennedy7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Anne Robinson 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.00 Frances Edmands 7.00 Huberl Gregg 7.30 Malcolm Laycock 8.00 Big Band Era 8.30 Big Band Special 9.00 Humphrey Lymelton 10.00 Unsung Heroes (4/6) 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Steve Madden 3.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, incl 5.45 Wake Up to Money 6.00 The Breakfast Wake Up to Money 6.00 The Breakdast Programme 6.95, 7.55 racing preview 8.35 The Magazine 12.00 Modday with Mar2.05 Ruscoe on Five 3.45 Entertainment News 4.00 Nationwide 5.45 Entertainment News 7.00 News Extra incl at 7.20 sport 7.35 Double First. A new senes profiling former sports stars who have usen to the top in another field. Tonight Barry Normh talks to Dick Francis 8.05 Parkinson on Sport 9.05 Tales of the Turl (3/6) 9.35 On the Jub 10.05 News Talk 11.00 Night Extra 11.15 The Financial World Tonight 12.05 up All Night

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4.00am Mark Griffiths 6.00 Miles Read 10.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susermah Simons 2.00pm Concerto 3.00 Jemie Crick 6.00 Newsnight 6.30 Sonsta 7.00 Celebrity Choice (r) 8.00 Evening Concert 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00am

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RADIO 3

6.00em On Air. Beethoven lamt On Air. Beautoven (Overture: Egmont); Finzi (Clarinet Concerto); Michael Haydn (String quintlet in C, Op 69); Saint-Saëns (Le Rouet d'Omphate); Vivaldi (Violin Concerto in E flat, Op 8 No 10, La Caccia); Mozart (Piano

Sonata in G)
9.00 Morning Collection with
Paul Gembeccini. includes Chopin (Introduction and Polonaise brillante, Op 3); Bellini (I Puritani, Act 1

25) 10,00 Musical Encounters, Bath Festival. Live from the Brunswick Room at the Guildhell, Includes Wagner (Lohengrin, Prelude to Act 3); Byrd (My Lord of Oxenford's Mask); 10.10 Artist of the Maski; 10.10 Artist of the Week: Roger Vignotes, piano. Barber (Celio Sonata); 10.35 Morley (Joyne Hands; Sacred End Pavin; Now is the month of maying): Copiand (Heart, we will forget him; Why do they shaft me out of heaven? Poems by Emily Dickinson); Alison (Batchelan's Delight; Goe from my window); Dowland (Lachrimae; Can she excuse); Tippett she excuse); Tippett (Concerto for Double String Orchestra); Dvorak (Festival

March)
12.00 Composer of the Week:
Ottorino Respighi
1.00pm BBC Lunchtime

If the airline businesses reaches the top of its current Concert, live from St John's, Smith Square, London, Takacs Quartet, Schubert cycle in around two years time, as Mr Tarry suggests, (String Quartet in G)

2.00 Schools. The Song Tree 2.15
Storybox 2.25 Let's Move
2.45 First Steps in Drama then those still struggling to restructure still have a little time. The ones which will

3.00 The BBC Orchestras. The BBC Philharmonic under Yan Pascal Tortelier, Dvorak (Carnival Overture); Beethoven (Piano Concerto

(Symphory No 2)
4.30 Crystal Silence: The ECM Story. Richard Cook looks at the influential record slock of 5.00 The Music Machine, with

Tommy Pearson

5.15 in Tune. Including Parry (I was glad); Trad, arr Leroy Anderson (The Last Rose of Summer); Jummel (Septet in D minor, Op 74)

7.30 Berio Conducts Berio.

Boccherini, arr Berio (Ritirata noctuma di Madrid, Guitar Outritet No 5), Berio, etiter Schubett (Rendering); Maderna (Serenata per un satellile); Berio (Piano Concerto II, Echoing Curves)

Concerto II, Echoing Curves)
8.55 Jelly Mountain. See Choice
9.10 Beethoven and Schumann
Leder. Oliver Widmer, bes,
Roger Vignoles, piano.
Beethoven (An der ferme
Geliebte); Schumann (Twelve
Poems of Justinius Kerner,
Op 35) (r)
10.00 Ensemble, with Penny Gore.
Martinu (Duo No 1); Ravel
(Sonata to rviolin and cello)

Martinu (Duo No 1); Havei (Sonata for violin and callo) bring it, with Mark Russel

11.30 Composer of the Week: Clare Schumern (r) 12.30sm Jazz Notes, with Digby Fairweather. Max Collie celebrates 30 years of the Caechaes 30 years of the Firythm Aces 1.00 Night School: Lifeskills 2.00 Through the Night with Donald Mecleod, Includes 4.00 Music for two pianos by Straynsky and Barlok 5.00

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today incl 7.25, 8.25 Sports news, 7.45 Thought for the Day 8:40 Beyond the Millennium (6/6) 8:58 Weather

8:58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week. Melvyn Bragg is joined by Rosie Boycott, Kermeth Baker. MP, Susie Orbach, George Monbiol and Anthony

Howard of The Times

10.00 News; Dear Diary (FM only).

Alian Thornton, founder of Awart Informon, founder of Greenpeace UK and the Environmental Investigation Agency chooses excerpts from whaters' diaries (4/5) 10.00 Deity Service (LW only) 10.15 This Sceptr'd Isle (LW only) 10.30 Women's Hour 11.30 Money Box Live: 0171-580 4444

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12.00pm News; You and Yours
12.25 Masterbrain. See Choice
12.55 Weather
1.00 The World At One, with Nick

Clarke 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55

Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Cutting Edge, by
John Harvey, Starning Tom
Georgeson as DI Charlie
Resnick, With Sean Baker,
Kate Eaton and Paul Bazeley (2/3) 3.00 The Afternoon Shift

3.00 The Atternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope
Lyrme Walker visits the new
Bridgwater Concert Hall in
Manchester as the organ is
installed
4.45 Short Story: You Can Hear
the Boats Go By, Written
and read by Emily Perkins
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast
5.55 Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The News Quiz With Simon
Hoggert and regular guests,
Andy Hamilton, Jeremy Hardy
and Times columnist Alan
Coren (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme, with
Derek Cooper (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: The
Taomarn. Paul Brennen's
black comedy about luck,
love and the National Lottery.
With Guy Marming, Sarramy

6.00 Six O'Clock News

love and the National Lottery
With Guy Maming, Sammy
Johnson and Rod Arthur
9.15 This Must Be The Place.
Nick Baker visits Byter Mill
Hotel, Devon's real Fawity
Towers (5/6)
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59
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Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with
Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Next of

Kin, by Joanna Trollope. Read by Robin Ellis (6/10) 11.00 Out of Order. Patrick Hannan chairs the lighthearted quiz about politics with learn captains Michael White and Austin Mitchell

MP, and guest panellists MPs Peter Bottomley and Roy 11.30 Babblewick Hall (FM only).
An 18th-century st-com
writen by Scott Cherry,
starring Nicholas Le Prevost
as Fenton Babblewick, With

David Antrobus, Sam Kelly and Gillian Bevan (3/6) (r) 11.30 Today in Parliament (LW

only)
12.00 Naws Incl 12.27am approx Weather 12.30 The La Weamer 12.30 The Late Book: The Stone Distries, by Carol Shields (6/10) (r) 12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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with American Airlines (UA) lysts expect to bring in profits about forging a new alliance. of around £580 million for the BA refuses to comment on the year ending March 31, up over rumours, or on speculation 70 per cent on last year, is that it is intending to link up hardly immune to creeping with KLM, the Dutch carrier. but such a move would make costs and competition, particusense as a way to combat a larly in Europe and on its lucrative transatlantic routes. powerful Lufthansa alliance Competition is set to get much tougher when European with UA and may be an-

nounced as early as this week. BA is in a stronger position than most of its European internal flight markets next April The need to compete is competitors. It was the first

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European airline to be privatised, in 1987, and has been through much of the pain of cost reduction and cutting back its workforce. The airline has already begun preparing for the opening up of the EU internal market, taking stakes of just under 50 per cent in Deutsche BA and TAT European Airlines of France. But some potentially dangerous new competitors have begun

appearing in Europe. One, Richard Branson, is already well-known to BA as its arch-rival across the Atlantic. He has bought Euro Brussels Airlines, the small but profitable company, and is renaming it Virgin Express. The service will operate nofrills flights to Barcelona, Madrid, Vienna, Milan, Rome and Nice and he plans to introduce new scheduled services between other EU cities over the next two years. Among other small airlines challenging the bigger players is EasyJet, started last year by Stelios Haji-Ioannou, the Greek shipowner. It now flies from Luton airport to Scotland and Amsterdam and is planning flights to Nice and Barce-

When Mr Branson met Neil Kinnock, the EU transport commissioner recently, he asked him about a subject that is also dear to BA's heart subsidies. Like BA, he is concerned that some EU countries have been bailing out their airlines. Lufthansa and KLM have joined in the chorus of concern about Air France, claiming that its subsidies have been used to fund cuts in air fares. The French company is waiting to hear from the EU whether it is to receive the third and final tranche of a £2.6 billion state

aid package.

ir France, like other companies including Spain's Iberia and Greece's Olympic, which have been granted EUsanctioned government subsidies, argues that the payments do not distort the market. They say that the payments simply allow them to carry on operating while they restructure in order to become profitable. With most European govern-ments planning for privatisation of their airlines to follow hard on the heels of the opening of the EU market, there is little time to lose. Analysts question whether it is possible to make a decent profit out of operating shorthaul flights and some suggest

that the smaller players will

stimulate the market rather than cause problems for the big companies. Smaller startup airlines certainly have some key advantages over their bigger rivals. Most importantly, they can insist on their workforces being more flexible and do not have to deal with entrenched labour deals.

At Air France, management last week threatened to delay a restructuring of its domestic and European operations if domestic pilots did not accept a new pay agreement by the end of June. The unions responded by describing M Blanc's plan as "catastrophic and suicidal."

The airline is planning to merge its domestic arm, Air France Europe (formerly Air Inter) with its own European operations in April 1997 and it wants to align pilots' pay. Air France Europe pilots are paid 10-15 per cent more than Air France pilots. Air France Europe has been badly hit by increased competition from other French airlines and its parent is desperate to prepare it for full European competition in a year's time.

Without a rescue plan, Air France Europe expects to lose an estimated £330 million over the next two years and would fall into bankruptcy, M Blanc

THE TIMES



They can stay, they're small fry

THOSE ruthless brokers at UBS left their staff to sweat it out on the switchboard fielding calls last week, as 2,500 employees took to the streets at the ugly sound of a fire alarm. As brokers flooded out of the building, a brave voice on the switchboard muttered: They don't mind if we fry it's part of the job, love."

Tall order

GERRY MARTTN, the smaller and younger brother of Tim Martin, the 6ft 5in founder of the JD Wetherspoon pub chain, is poised to open London's first watering hole with a South African theme - in Covent Garden. Last week, the 39-year-old obtained two other licences for new pubs in Leadenhall

india. The second s

and Houndsditch. Gerry, who broke away from his brother's company two years ago to launch The Old Monk pub chain, says he had no need to seek the advice of his brother, whose wealth is estimated at around £40 million. Talking about his plans for the theme pub. Gerry adds: "I haven't even told my brother."

Strange address

UNDER the shadow of the first national postal strike for almost a decade. Royal Mail's command of the UK communication system seems somewhat askew as strange addresses appear on the service's latest customer survey. Commissioned by Royal Mail, and carried out by Research International, a copy of the questionnaire dropped through one customer's letter box addressed to the "Mailroom Manager, Ten Inthe Bed". Research International says the addresses were all supplied by Royal Mail.

From Russia . . . BARCLAYS Stockbrokers has received some odd re-

quests since last year's launch of its share information service on the Internet, including a plea from the former Sovie Union. A Georgian writes: "It has come to my attention that my family may have invested in a British bank." He begins his search at Bardays on the premise that it is "one of the oldest banks in England". and he thinks the account dates back to around 1910. Unfortunately, he has no paperwork on the account.

... with l'oeuf

THE eighth annual Gulls' Eggs City luncheon takes place tomorrow, bringing invitation list to the sampling setion at Skinners' Hall. Burnt offering

AUDI'S latest advertisement

for its covertible really ought to carry a health warning. There are just two words situated between two downward-pointing arrows: "Worship here". So watch out anyone standing on the eastbound platform of Chancery Lane underground - the arrow heads are only inches from a live conductor rail.

MORAG PRESTON

The song was familiar and yet quite alien

I felt like having an Invisible Friend. "Bon chance!" said a Swiss dignitary: "Bon chance yourself, you rascal." said Terry in my ear. "Czedwig tarnfogobong!" said an East European. "That's easy for you to say," quipped the lad. Each time I sniggered, I felt like someone laughing in class, who will be hauled out and asked to identify what exactly is so funny. A proud picture of the Eurovision trophy appeared on our screens - a modernist sculpture made of bronze and stone, representing an outsize cigar wrapped in ban-dages. "Very nice in its homespun way," approved Terry chummily. "As I think you will agree."

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Terry Wogan is a godsend, of course, but no amount of such intimate wise-crackery can rescue the Eurovision Song Contest (BBCI) from its main drawback: that by the time of the voting, you

from Oslo on Saturday night can only remember four of the songs. The human brain just can't banter ensued. Morten's personcontain 23 new tunes; and to play them all again would take all night. So an odd, dysfunctional feeling overtakes you. Having engaged fully in the contest up to now, suddenly your involvement dwindles to purely national matters - to counting the votes for the UK, and watching the Greeks vote shamelessly for Cyprus. When Portugal started getting hig votes on Saturday, amid guffaws of disbelief from Wogan, we saw a memory-prompting reaction shot from the young woman who had sung O Meu Coração Não Tem Cor. But it was useless. It all seemed years ago, quite frankly.

The Norwegian presentation was highly professional, fronted by a handsome couple (Ingvild and Morten) whose only weakness, predictably, was in the overrehearsed Two Ronnies stuff, "Ah, here come the knockabouts!"

ality was not as big as his ego, that was the trouble. But thankfully Ingvild shouldered the big job of collecting the scores from the juries, and the last hour zipped along as zippily as it possibly could, with Ireland taking an early lead, and maintaining it by a large margin, and then winning to nobody's surprise. A girl in a long, virginal frock sang The Voice, a tributary from the Riverdance. A more vivid contrast to the UK's Gina G - Rita Hayworth hair, burn-wiggling, spangly mini-frock — is impossible to imagine.

ennis Potter's Karaoke finished last night (BBCI) with the now terminally ill playwright Daniel Feeld (Albert Finney) bequeathing money to his beloved cockney waif Sandra, then singing Pennies from Heaven ("I've always wanted to do this"),

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and then shooting Hywel Bennett in the head. God-like, the writer dispenses happiness, death or justice, you see. It's the amazing power of words! A writer creates characters, and then they loll about smoking fags while he thinks "Mm. what am I going to do with you?" Ah yes, as flies to wanton boys are we to playwrights.

The trouble is that there are rules of storytelling to prevent an alent of Kipling's If. Lines such as

author's power running out of control. If characters appear to be "Don't you know the tucking treated like puppers, the whole firme?" would have reduced a lesser mystery collapses. So when Potter himself (as author of Karaoke) decided magnanimously to redeem the Richard E. Grant character in last night's final episode, it may have been a very clever self-referring meta-fictional trick, but on screen it just looked ridiculously

Finney did very well with Feeld, a man who lived in a present world vivid with pain, but who seemed to have no past and no memories (a deficiency that will be rectified, no doubt, in next week's Cold Lazarus). Meanwhile, Roy Hudd worked miracles with the role of Feeld's agent — a man who has so little to do besides minister to Feeld that he finds time to construct Notre-Dame out of matchsticks. Hudd stood his ground magnificently. He was the thespian equiv-

"What a shucking fame" and

ll these god-like figures around! Terry Wogan! A around! Terry Wogan! Dennis Potter! Daniel Feeld! On BBC2 on Saturday, we learnt that the whole idea of divine human beings was more or less invented by Alexander the Great. He invented the halo as well. Alexander: the God King was presented by an eager archaeologist called Tony Spawforth, who set off on a spurious quest for Alexander's remains, which may be buried in the Egyptian desert at Siwa, but equally may be some-where else. As I said, the more interesting speculation was the historical one: that until Alexander, world religions had a firm grip on the difference between gods and human beings. But afterwards, they got confused.

No Bananas (BBC1) deserves a proper review by now, but it's funny how hard it is to force yourself sometimes. This week's third episode contained a few good scenes, especially those concerning bad brother Tom's natural daughter Moira (Keeley Gainey). Since it's so hard to care about any individual when there are two dozen stories going at once, I have decided to make a special effort in Moira's case, on the grounds that she is a Dickensian cockney waif with tragic potential, and also because she has bright red hair and is easy to spot. Last night she was evacuated to a country chemist's shop, and her host took advantage of her in the night. "I won't hurt you next time. I promise," he said. Had Daniel Feeld written this scene, he would have rushed in personally to save her, and shot the chemist in the head. It's a good job he doesn't write everything, I suppose.

BBC1/--(Q.6) 6.00am Business Breakfast (90488) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceetax) (21759) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceefax) (4293575) 9.20 Style Counsel (s) (7306136) 9.45 Kilroy (s) (6630778) 10.30 Good Morning (s) (71285) 12.00 News (Ceetax), and weather (1616846)

12.05pm Call My Bluff (s) (5858778) 12.35 Going for Gold (s) (4348198) 1.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (24846) 1.30 Regional News and weather (62528372) 1.40 Neighbours (Ceetax) (s) (69056285) 2.00 Columbo (Ceefax) (78827) N.I.: 2.00-

3.30 The Flying Doctors 3.30 Playdays (r) (s) (2375117) 3.50 Bodger and Badger (r) (s) (1091730) 4.00 Alvin and the Chipmunks (r) (6392339) 4.10 Fudge (Ceeiax) (s) (5644778) 4.35 FOT (Ceeiax) (s) (2664662) 5.00 Newsround (Ceetax) (7023594) 5.10 Blue Peter (Ceefax) (s) (6965001)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceetax) (s) (954914) 6.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (827) 6.30 Regional News Magazines (407) 7.00 That's Showbusiness. Mike Smith is joined by Tracy Shaw, Maria McErtane. Martine McCutcheon and Gayle Tuesday

(Ceetax) (s) (1865) 7.30 Watchdog Healthcheck. This week, the NHS hospital that turned down halt a million pounds of charity money raised by the local community, and actress Toyah Willcox looks at the high street boom in

homoeopathy (Ceefax) (s) (391) 8.00 EastEnders. Baby Ben's godparents prepare for their great day in church; while Arthur and Pauline opt for a cosy dinner at home (Ceetax) (s) (7285)

8.30 The Liver Birds. Beryl is surprised at how passionate Sandra has become when they both join a demonstration to

ave a tree. (Ceetax) (s) (9020) 9.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and

9.30 Panorama: DIY Justice. Are people being allowed to get away with murder in (263469)

10.10 French and Saunders Go to the Movies. A compilation of cinematic spoots from recent senes. Dawn and Jenniter star in their own versions of Misery. Theirns and Louise and Dangerous Liaisons (r) (Ceefax) (s) (386846) N.L.: 10.10 Room for Improvement 10.40 Balmoral Show 1996 11.25 French and Saunders 11.55 Omnibus 12.45-2.15am Grevous Bodily

10.40 Carries Omnibus: Degas — the Old Man Mad About Art (Ceelax) (s) (527339)

11.30 FiLM: Grievous Bodily Harm (1989) starring Colin Friels, Bruno Lawrence and John Waters A series of strange murders intrigues an unconventional Australian crime reporter. His investigations lead to a bereaved husband who is obsessed with the idea that his wife is still alive. He is quite prepared to kill those he suspects are keeping her from him. Directed by Mark Joffe (Ceefax) (s) (75827)

1.00am Weather (9168191)

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37/07/ 6.00am Open University: Vacuums How Low Can You Go? (7988136) 6.25 Representing the People (Ceelax)

7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (4388204) 7.30 Smurts' Adventures (25952) 8.00 Blue Peter (r) (Ceelax) (st (19339) 8.30 Songs of Praise (r) (Ceelax) (s) (5022952)

9.05 Daytime on Two: Zig Zag (s) (4290488) 9.25 Movable Feasts (9693001) 9.40 Le Café des Rêves: 5 (2439551) 10.00 Playdays (r) (s) (2961339) 10.25 Hotch Potch House (s) (2072488) 10.45 Look and Read Special (s) (1231827) 11.05 Zig Zag: Danger Detectors (s) (3542681) 11.25 Revista (s) (9136865) (3542681) 71.25 Nevista (S) (9100000) 11.40 Geography Collection (S) (8333933) 12.05pm The History Collection (S) (7812575) 12.30 Working Lunch (17469) 1.00 History File (S) (65737846) 1.20 Landmarks: Tudors and Streets (Coelext (S) (65731662) and Stuarts (Ceelax) (s) (65731662) 1.45 Storytime (s) (62545049)

2.00 Brum (44538469) 2.10 Monaco Grand Prix (r) (s) (3402020) 2.50 A Week to Remember: 1956 (b/w) (7320778) 3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (7643372)

3.05 The Natural World (r) (Ceelax) (9225681)

3.55 News (Ceelax) and weather (6794846) 4.00 Today's the Day (s) (420) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (204) 5.00 Esther (s) (9643) 5.30 The Wartime Kitchen and Garden (Ceefax) (r) (556)

6.00 FILM: Escape from Fort Bravo (1950) Superior western, starring William Holden, Beanor Parker, John Forsythe and William Demarest. Directed by John Sturges (14288020)

7.35 The Phil Silvers Show (498914) 8.00 in the Blood: Rules of Engagement. (2:6) (Ceeta/) (s) (288001)



Damien Hirst (8,50pm)

8.50 Building Sights: Worsley Building 2. Damien Hirst, controversial winner of last year's Turner Prize, returns to the Worsley Medical Building, in Leeds, where during his student days he would do anatomica drawings (Ceefar) (s) (342681)

9.00 The X Files. When a space-shuttle mission is sabolaged Mulder suspects it is the work of an evil spirit that inhabits the body of a former astronaut (r) (Ceelax) (s)

9.45 This Life. (10/11) Will Milly risk her relationship with Egg for a romantic tantasy? Anna decides an older man is just what she needs. Miles has to deal with a flasher who claims to be a nudisi (Ceelax) (s) (743020) 10.30 Newsnight (Ceelar) (229353)

11.15 The Business(s) (643136) 12.00 The Midnight Hour (s) (70599) 12.30am-6.00 The Learning Zone

CHOICE In the Blood: Rules of Engagement

In Hiroshima survivors of the atom bomb still worry whether radiation will cause future generations to be born deformed. The fear of bad blood shook the European Royal Family when a granddaughter of Queen Victoria, who was married to the King of Spain, gave birth to a haemophiliac son. Among a Jewish community in north London prospective marriage partners are tested for genetic disease. And an English couple of restricted growth hoping to start their own family wonder whether their children will attain a normal height.
Continuing his accessible guide to genetics.
Professor Steve Jones uses these four examples to look at how damaged genes are passed down families. For the people of Hiroshima, at least, the answers are reassuring, while the royal detective story throws up an unlikely culprit.

Fair Game: Hungry For Success Channel 4. 8.00pm

For the latest of his pithy investigations into the unseemlier aspects of sport, Greg Dyke goes to a west London gym. Zita Lusack is hoping to make the British gymnastics team for the Atlanta Olympics, But at 18, and by normal standards slim, she is the oldest and heaviest of the hopefuls. Since little Olga Korbut won a gold medal at Munich in 1972. women gymnasts have been expected to have the bodies of children. This has meant, according to Dyke's report, desperate attempts to contain weight, leading to anorexia and bulimia. A former gymnast, Maria Balshaw, says that both conditions are common. Meanwhile, in an attempt to lose another 4lb. Lusack has been forced to of what dicticians say is needed. But Britain's coach, the Romanian Adrian Stan, insists that gymnasts must be small and thin.

Rescue: Aftershock

Only 20 years ago it was assumed that fire the Moorgate Underground disaster, in which rescuers had to pick the dead and dying out of the wreckage, there was no counselling. Firefighters still had to rely on their traditional remedies of camaraderie and black humour. The concluding film of an illuminating series shows how attitudes gradually changed, though there was still official cynicism about claims that rescue workers could suffer mental breakdowns. It was left to the Hillsborough football tragedy to remove the last doubts. Thirty-seven police officers are seeking compensation for post-traumatic stress disorder. A policeman and an ambulance officer on duty that day tell how the experience left permanent scars.

Omnibus: Degas — the Old Man Mad About Art BBC1. 10.40pm

Another big art exhibition calls forth another television profile of the artist. After Cézanne and Vermeer it is the turn of Degas, soon to he on show at the London National Gallery. to receive the small screen treatment. Richard Kendall, the art historian who presents the programme, concentrates on the ater Degas. The myth is that he spent his last 25 years as a virtual recluse. Kendali roncedes that the artist locked himself away in a gloomy Paris studio and discourage Pastel became his supreme medium and line and form gave way to a riot of colour. Kendall looks anew at the nudes and the ballet dancers and assesses his impact on the art of the 30th century. Peter Waymark

6.00am GMTV (6765038)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (r) (Teleted) (s) (7381827) 9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (2948488)

10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (6283865) 10.35 This Morning (50615759) 12.20pm Regional News (Teletera) (1605730)

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5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (787339) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (s)

6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (Teletext) (947812) 6.50 Let's Go (457407)

7.00 Tonight with Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan. Interviews with Tony Curtis and Sharon Gless (6933) 7.30 Coronation Street. Ashley risks his Uncle Fred's wrath to help Kelly to move into Number One (Teletext) (759)

8.00 World in Action. Investigating oil glant Shell's operations in the Niger Delta (Teletext) (s) (5681)

8.30 Take Your Pick. Presented by Des O'Connor (Teletext) (1488)



9.00 Bramwell. Eleanor's judgment is put to the test when she and Marsham rescue a oiri from a freak show (Teletext) (s) (7759) 10.00 News and weather (Teletext) (54321) 10.30 Regional News (236285)

10.40 West of England Business of the Yea Awards (102092)

11.10 Music Writers on TV. A profile of young songwriter Jonny Collins (r) (693556)

11.40 Good Advice (r) (299914) 12.10 Bushell on the Box (s) (4518518) 12.40 The Big Match — Replayed (1912173) 1.25 FILM: Cheyenne Social Club (1970) with James Slewart and Henry Fonda Texas cowboy John O'Hanion's lite changes dramatically when he inherits a social club from his dead brother. Directed by Gene Kelly (987773)

3.15 The Crime Hour (6724228) 4.10 Jon and Jury (s) (17701372) 4.30 The Time...the Place (r) (s) (98570) 5.00 The Powers That Be (r) (73773) 5.30 Morning News (91082)

As HTV WEST except: 2.25pm The New Mr (19512198)

2.50-3.20 Cat Crazy (2151407) 5.10-5.40 Tribe (9525575) 6.25-7.00 Wales Tonight (101372) 10.40 A Pride of Llons (228556) 11.40 Artyfax (299914)

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1.55 Home and Away (39380730)

2.25 Check it Out! (19536778) 2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (6393662) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (9525575) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (12914) 10.40 The West at Work -- Focus (102092) 11.10 Street Legal (820198)

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5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (9525575) 6.25-7.00 Central News (101372) 10.40 Sport in Question (228556) 11.40 Tour of Duty (271056)

1.25am Hotel Babylon (7712421) 2.05 Customs Classified (1274889) 2.50 Jones and Jury (5914334) 3.15 Film: Danger by My Side (145266) 4.15 Jobfinder (6623976)

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12.00 Right to Reply (r) (Teletext) (s) (55074) 12.30pm Sesame Street (r) (26310) 1.30 Wowser (39303681) 1.55 Table Termis. A short film about the game from a fresh point of view (62521469)

2.10 FILM: Man in the Moon (1961, b/w) starring Kenneth More. A comedy about a man who is unwittingly recruited to be the first British astronaut to be sent to the Moon. Directed by Basil Dearden. (Teletext) (644339)

4.00 Secrets of the Moor (Teletext) (488) 4.30 Fifteen to One (Teletext) (s) (372) 5.00 The Montel Williams Show (r) (s) (8971391) 5.50 Terrytoons (698407) The Cosby Show (r) (Teletext) (865)

6.30 Hollyoaks (Teletext) (s) (117) 7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (236827) 7.55 The Slot (586778)

8.00 Fair Game: Hungry For Success (2/6) (Teletext) (s)



Jimmy Wilde (8.30pm)

8.30 The Greatest. The final sporting contenders are the Welsh flyweight Jimmy Wilde, who won all but four of his 140 professional fights, including, during the course of 12 months, winning the world title and defending it successfully five times; and the tootball genius George Best (Teletext) (s) (2730)

9.00 Rescue: Af (Teletext) (s) (8830) Aftershock 9.30 An Inspector Calls. The work of a seven-strong team of Newcastle upon

Tyne food inspectors, led by Neil Clarke. during last year's long, hot summer. Last in the series (Teletext) (15001) 10.00 Karaoke (r) (Teletext) (s) (3616952) 11.20 Blast 'Em. A True Stories documentary

profile of the New York paparazzo Victor Meletronte, who stalks his celebrity prey for the one picture that will pay him a month's wages (r) (Telelexi) (s) (340407) 12.50am The Late Late Show (s) (9441570) 1.50 FILM: Catherine the Great (1934, b/w) Historical drama starring Elisabeth Bergner, Flora Robson and Douglas Fairbanks Jr. Directed by Paul Czinner

(957792). Ends at 3.30 4.00-5.20 Schools: Science in Focus

 For more comprehensive listings of satellite and cable channels, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday SKY ONE

7.00am Undun (67575) 9.00 Press Your Luck (9450653) 9.20 Love Connection (9411310) 9.45 The Oprah Wintrey Show (4287310) 10.46 Jeopardy (9685575) 11.10 Sally Jessy Raphael (37.33136) 12.00 Bredry (74775) 1.00pm Hotal (50193) 2.00 Geraldo (21286) 3.00 Court TV (2372) 3.30 The Open Whitney Show (5352615) 4.15 The Opreh Whitrey Show (5352515) 4.15 Undun (7161001) 5.00 Star Trek. The Nert Generation (6952) 6.00 The Simpsons (1353) 6.30 Jeopardyl (4223) 7.00 LAPD (7681) 7.30 M*A*S*H (1597) 8.00 Strange-Luck (13681) 9.00 Police Rescue (23907) 10.00 Murder One (531584) 12.30em Stell Trek. The Next Generation (52899) 1.300 SKY NEWS

News on the hour 6.00am Sunrise (6624594) 9.30 The Book Show (3037372) 10.10 CBS 60 Minutes (3834440) 1.30pm CBS News This Morning 184469; 2.30 Parliament Live (98391) 3.30 Parliament Live — Continued (2001) 5.00 Live at Five (81339) 6.30 Tonight with Adam Det air Nee (al. 358) a.50 for large at the first part of 1970 (1) 20 Sportsline (597001) 8.10 CBS 60 Minutes (853339) 11.30 CBS Evening News (86338) 12.30 am ABC World News Tought (43131) 1.30 Tonight with Adam Boulton Reptay (8701565) 2.10 CBS 60 Minutes (7364266) 3.30 Persament Persist (73206, 430 CBS Evening News Replay (73228) 4.30 CBS Evening News (88063) 5.30 ABC World News Tonight

SKY MOVIES

6.00em Build My Gallews High (1947) (25846) 8.00 Sen of Kong (1933) (45865) 10.00 Charlie's Ghost Story (1994) (66759) 12.00 The Cat and the Canary (1979) (35488) 2.00pm Adolf Hitler — My Part in His Downtail (1972) (94556) 4.00 Part in His Downtall (1972) (34556) 4.00
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THE DISNEY CHANNEL

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SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm Three Smart Girls (1936) (7488) 6.00 Lawrence of Arabia (1962) (5555407) 10.00 The Sea Wolves (1960) (66931391) 12.05am Afric (1966) (820911) 2.00-4.00 Modesty Blaise (1966) (91402)

5.00em The New Adventures of Oliver Twist (23488) 8.00 Stowaways on the Ark Twist (2348) 8.00 Stowaways on the Ark (43407) 10.00 Holiday on the Buses (1973) (57001) 12.00 Boop Cop a Doop (1985) (26730) 2.00pm Tropic Zone (1983) (92198) 4.00 Stowaways on the Ark (6198 6.00 Don't Talk to Strangers (1994) (73402) 8.00 The Burning Season (1995) (17407) 10.00 Kalifornia (1983) (8024191) 12.05am Harmful Intent (1983) (728841) 1.40 Getting Out (1993) (853402) 3.15 MacGyver Trail to Doomsday (1983) (462421) 4.50 Lionheart (1980) (500008)

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7.30am Artistic Gymnastics (60004) 9.00 International Microsports Report (90914) 10.00 Formula 1 (17594) 11.00 Live Tervils The ATP Tour World Team Cup from

Formula 1 (33556) 7.00 Speedworld (29339) 9.00 Darts (64339) 10.00 Football (34198) 11.00 Eurogoff Magazine (18223) 12.00-12.30am Car Racing (72995)

SKY SPORTS 7.00em Gibere World Sport Special 114407) 7.30 Sunday League Chakeli Gloucestershie v Someset (55372) 8.30 Rading Neme (24310) 9.00 Aerobacs Oz Style (15662) 9.30 Super League (55469) 10.30 British Professional Golf Tour (27196) 10.30 British Professional Golf Tour (27196) 10.30 British Professional Gol 1 our (27193) 11.30 Sports Unlimited (14440) 12.30pm FA Tripphy Final (28730) 2.30 World League of American Football: London v Frankfund And (316827) 5.30 Windsurfing Tour (6846) 6.00 Sky Sports Centre (470223) 6.05 Tartan Eriza (69504339) 8.00 Big Time Boving (53223) 10.00 Sky Sports Centre (382391) 10.15 Andersen World Champion-thin Golf Europe Rhand Che (71366) ship Golf Europa Round One (711965) 12.15am Shill Sailing (992976) 12.45 Tarten Eura (236995) 2.45-3.00 Sky Sports

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and Forever 6.15 Word of Life 6.45-7.00

Good Morning Europe

SKY SOAP 7.00am Guiding Light (8129407) 7.55 Asithe World Turns (2217440) 8.50 Peyton Place (7464594) **8.20** Days of Cur Lives (1202914) 10,10-11.00 Another World SKY TRAVEL

11.00em Globetrotter (6418373) 11.30 12.30pm Floyd on Oz (3191372) 1.00 Getaway (8440710) 1.30 G.ear Escapes (3190643) 2.00 Trailside (4033049) 2.30 Mansions (9491223) 3.00 Globotrotter (4012556) 3.30 Around the World (7759440) 3.55-4.00 Holiday Shop

THE HISTORY CHANNEL phyr Christopher Columbus (3199391)



Peter O'Toole and Omar Sharif (Sky Movies Gold, 6.00pm)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL 7.00pm The Tomorrow People (4037865) 7.30 Caplain Power and the Soldiers of the Future (9489488) 8.00 Starman (9359372) 9.00 Outer Limits (9379136) 10.00 Cose 1.90am The Six Million Dollar Man (9946131) 2.00 FiLM. The Stranger Within (2041570) 3.30-4.00 Mengaman Guy. er (4396976)

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SE to seek more accountability from senior managers

BY PATRICIA TEHAN BANKING CORRESPONDENT

A HIGH-PROFILE Stock Exchange report is set to demand greater accountability of senior managers to the board. It comes after the sacking of Michael Lawrence, chief executive, and demonstrates that the exchange does not want to repeat its mistakes.

The review into the way the exchange runs itself was commissioned in February by John Kemp-

Welch, chairman. After the remov- believed to have begun interview- on the accountability of exchange al of two chief executives in a little over two years, Ian Plenderleith and Ian Salter, the exchange's two deputy chairmen, were asked to report on day-to-day working practices. Its completion comes as the the exchange's senior appointments and remuneration committee, chaired by John Bond, chief executive of HSBC, nears a decision on the appointment of a new chief executive. A choice is expected next month. The committee is

ing candidates and, according to one, "good names have come forward, it is now a question of cutting down the shortlist".

One of the key issues raised in the report is the accountability of the exchange's day-to-day managers to the board. This issue was said to be largely behind the decision to replace Mr Lawrence.

The report focuses on communication between the board, memdirectors to the board.

This weekend Mr Kemp-Welch told the Association of Private Client Investment Managers: "We have to ensure we are structured and governed in a way that best enables us to assess the implications for you and your clients of the decisions we take." He added that the two deputy chairmen had

"produced an interesting report". Mr Lawrence's departure followed a year in which corporate governance at the exchange faltered badly. In January Mr Lawrence was accused of acting without the authority of the board. of having failed to achieve consensus among member firms and market practitioners, and of domi-nating exchange committees.

The report is likely to recom-mend a simplification of the exchange's structure. Members of the exchange said the committee structure of the exchange is too complicated. There are more than 20

committees and a series of subcommittees and advisory panels. Those close to the exchange say

that the disasters of last year demonstrated that "communication between the exchange and its members must be very much on the agenda. It is essential to its

proper function". In his speech, Mr Kemp-Welch indicated that the exchange is already taking steps to make sure the views of all users of the stock market are represented. He said he

proposal in the corporate governance report "that we should create a specific group to advise on issues related to private client business This is aimed at giving the views of private investors proper represen-

Separately, the exchange is in introduce a 24-hour suspension on companies shares when there is an unexplained volatility in share price or in the volume of shares

Allied staff to split £40m

By Sarah Bagnall

MORE than 500 staff at Allied Carpets, Britain's biggest carpet retailer, are set to share in a £40 million bonanza when the company floats this summer. As revealed by The Times earlier this year. Allied is seeking a listing in a move that will value the company at more than £200 million. Allied may also raise up to £50 million in extra funds.

The move, confirmed yesterday, will make the group's senior manage-ment team, led by Ray Nethercott, managing di-rector, paper millionaires. The directors own 5.4 per cent of the company's equity, worth more than EIO million, the bulk of which they intend to leave invested in the company.

A further 14.3 per cent is

held by more than 500 Allied staff, from senior managers to sales staff. while Asda, the supermarket group, and CINVen, the venture capitalist, each hold 40 per cent.

The 200-strong chain was formed three years ago when Asda merged its Allied Carpets subsidiary with Carpelland Carpet Centres. Of the shares held by staff, the bulk are in the hands of the 160 people who invested between £500 and £5,000 in the original buyout of Carpetland. Mr Nethercott expects many staff to keep their shares.

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Pru faces revolt on directors' bonuses

THE Prudential Corporation, which owns 3.5 per cent of the UK stock market, is to face an embarrassing shareholder revolt over its new executive bonus schemes.

PIRC, the pensions advisory body, is telling its members, who own nearly 3 per cent of the Pru's shares, to vote against a new long-term incentive plan that would reward senior directors even if the company is an underperformer within the top 100 quoted UK companies. PIRC will campaign against the scheme until the Pru's annual meeting next week.

The scheme starts paying out if the Pru performs better than the 60th highest performer in the FT-SE 100. If it is average for example, performing 50th, Peter Davis, Pru's chief executive, will receive a £100,000 bonus on top of his £400,000-ayear basic salary. "The Pru should be leading by example," said Anne Simpson of PIRC. "They cannot take the attitude

'do as I say not do as I do'." PIRC is likely to be joined by some of the markets biggest fund managers, including firms that have supported the

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Pru when it has pressured industrial companies for overpaying directors in the past. The scheme breaches the guidelines recently set down by two of the UK's largest

investment groups, Norwich Union and Standard Life. Earlier this year Standard wrote to all the chairmen of FT-SE 100 firms telling them they would vote against overly generous schemes. It is understood to still be discussing the new scheme with the Pru but Guy Jubb, Standard's corpogovernance manager, said: "In general we do vote against schemes other than those that reward for high

performance not mediocrity." Norwich is also believed to be putting pressure on the Pru. A spekeswoman said: "We feel it is wrong to reward below-average performance and have a policy of voting against any long-term incentive plan that does."

A spokesman for the Pru defended the scheme saying: "Our hurdles are relatively high. We think it is a fair target to beat 40 of the top 100 companies." The Pru is one of more than a dozen firms that bave brought in long-term plans that reward underperformance.

Many institutions have complained about these plans, and in the case of British Gas the plan was restructured so that it only paid out if the company was in the top half of FT-SE performance.

Some institutions also feel that it is fairer to base performance-related bonus schemes on comparisons with the way a company performs relative to its peers.

At Barclays' annual meeting this month shareholders representing almost 44 million of the bank's shares registered their objection to a new performance share plan for directors and senior managers. One institutional shareholder is believed to have been behind the protest. The new scheme will compare Barciays' shareholdpanies in the FT-SE 100 index over a three-year period.

Among the firms whose schemes are coming under fire are P&O, Guinness, GKN, Capital Radio and Carlton



Simon Curtis of SBC Warburg, which has priced the shares at 390p, the top of the range

Railtrack promises instant 20p gain



Tapner: advisory role

By Jonathan Prynn TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

INVESTORS who applied for more than 300 shares in Railtrack will see their allocations scaled down by up to 75 per cent, the Government said yesterday. Last night, City dealers were forecasting an instant profit for investors of 20p on each partly paid 190p share when trading starts this morning. In spite of an increase in the retail offer

from 30 per cent to 58.5 per cent of the total sale, private investors have applied for almost twice as many shares as are being sold to them. The demand has delighted ministers and City advisers to the sale, which has been dogged by political controversy and public suspicion. Registered applicants for up to 300 shares will applications will be scaled back -

Only registered applications for 2500 or more shares, or non-registered applications for more than 500 shares have been thrown out. A total of 665,000 applications were received for 391 million shares, with an average application of 587 shares. About 44 per cent of applicants will receive a full application and about 97 per cent will receive at least some of the shares they applied for.

The offer received a particularly strong response from Peps, with all Pep bids met in full and 35 million shares going into the saving schemes. The institutional offer ended about 14 times subscribed as the City put aside political risk fears and bid

receive their full allocation but larger for the generous 18 per cent first-year yield. Rory Tapner, a director at SBC applicants for 1,000 shares will receive Warburg, the Government's lead advisers, for 2,000 the figure will be 510. exceeded recent comparable sales, such as last year's second tranche of generating company shares. The level of demand had allowed Warburgs to price the shares at 390p, the top end of the range. At that price the company will be valued at £1.93 billion, making it Britain's 97th biggest

quoted company.

The expected first-day 10 per cent premium will push its market capitalisation close to the £2.1 billion needed to enter the FT-SE 100, which requires a company to be ranked in the top 90.

Under the two-instalment payment scheme retail investors have only paid 190p per share up front.

Fowler anger over leaks

By PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

A SENIOR Conservative MP last night defended himself against accusations that he was standing in the way of one of the biggest foreign investments in Britain and vowed he would not be "rolled over" by leaks from within the Whitehall machine.

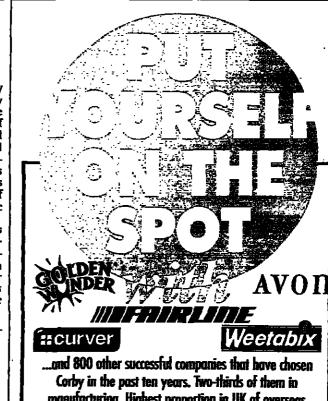
Sir Norman Fowler, former Conservative chairman, confirmed he was insisting that a public inquiry should be held before there is any question of Philips, the Dutch electronics group, being allowed to devel-op a £1 billion components plant on 500 acres of green belt farmland in his constituency of Sutton Coldiield. Sir

Norman told The Times last night that he had demanded from both Ian Lang. President of the Board of Trade, and Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, explanations into how information about the Philips involvement and his own talks with ministers on the issue had been leaked to

damage his case. The Prime Minister is reported to be keen on the development, which could create up to 6,000 jobs. But talks are said to have run into trouble because of Sir Norman's opposition. He said that the land apparently for dev-

elopment has been chosen by Birmingham Council. "They are the owners. They get the proceeds from the sale. If there is no inquiry, the council will decide whether the land should be built on and whether there should be factories there. I simply see that as against the normal rules of natural justice that the public

should be consulted." Sir Norman said he was astonished that private conversations, and the involvement of Philips, had been leaked. "I am not blaming Mr Lang or Mr Heseltine but this must have come out from the Whitehall machine."



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British Gas fears more price curbs

By SARAH BAGNALL

BRITISH GAS is bracing itself for a further battering next week when Clare Spottiswoode, Director-General of Ofgas, unveils a new formula for domestic gas prices.

Next Tuesday, the industry watchdog is due to announce pricing controls for British Gas's UK supply business covering the five years to 2002. The announcement comes after last week's decision by Ms Spottiswoode to cut the prices charged to independent shippers by TransCo, British Gas's pipeline arm.

Now Ms Spottiswoode is sised to stamp her mark on British Gas Energy (BGE), the company's UK supply business. The controls are expected to leave the cap on domestic bills largely unchanged. But Ms Spottiswoode is said to be



Spottiswoode: targeting BGE

planning to curtail BGE's ability to pass on to consumers any rise in the price of its own gas supply. This would hit profits, particularly as it is exposed to £40 million in "take or pay" gas contracts, which require it to pay double the current market price for gas.

Lawyer steps up Barings campaign

the Barings bondholders action group, whose members lost £100 million when it crashed last year, is to step up his campaign to persuade some of Britain's biggest companies to sever their business links with the merchant bank. Jonathan Stone wrote this weekend to Brian Smith, chairman of Cable and Wireless. pointing out that a number of bondholders were "also likely to be shareholders in, or customers of, C&W". Barings, which was bought last year by ING, the Dutch banking and insurance group for Et in return for footing the £860 million bill, is a corporate finance

adviser to C&W. Mr Stone, who earlier this month issued writs claiming

declined to comment.

By Robert Miller THE senior lawyer acting for from City institutions and former directors of the bank, has written to Sir Robin Ibbs.

chairman of Lloyds Bank, which used ING Barings to advise on acquisition of TSB.

Mr Stone said ING Barings had further rubbed salt into the wounds of the bondholders by employing, and continuing to employ, Andrew Tuckey, the bank's former deputy chairman, at an astronomic rate of

remuneration. He said a number of City institutions were refusing to deal with ING Barings "and we are encouraged by this fact because it reinforces the views that we have expressed about the ineqvitable treatment meted out to the bondholders". ING Barings